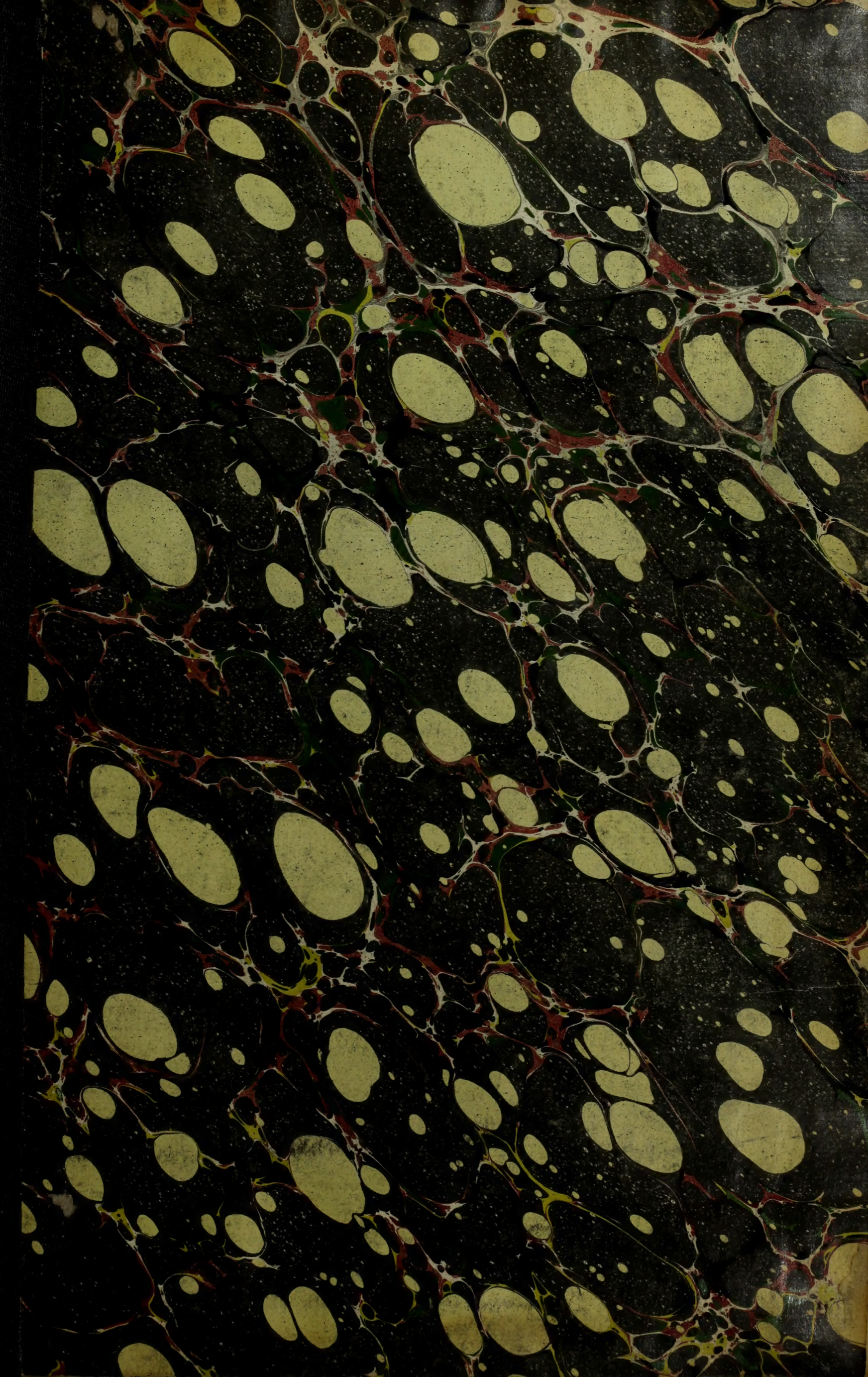


The image shows the front cover of an old book. The cover is decorated with marbled paper featuring a pattern of large, irregular, light-colored (yellowish-tan) spots on a dark background (black or dark brown). The spots are separated by thin, branching lines of red and green. The marbling is a classic 'stone' or 'shell' pattern. A small, rectangular, light-colored label is pasted in the center of the cover. The label has a decorative border and contains text in various fonts and colors. The text on the label identifies the owner as Josiah L. Fairbanks, located at 136 Washington St. in Boston. It also describes him as an account book manufacturer and dealer/importer of stationery, cutlery, and fancy goods.

JOSIAH L. FAIRBANKS,
136 Washington St.
BOSTON
ACCOUNT BOOK MANUFACTURER.
Dealer and Importer of
STATIONERY, CUTLERY, FANCY GOODS &c.



City of Boston.

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January 5 1863.

This being the day assigned by law for the organization of the City Government for the present year, the following gentlemen appeared and took their oaths, viz:

Mayor.

Frederic W. Lincoln, Jr.

Mayor

Aldermen

Silas Paine,

Otis Norcross.

Aldermen

Thomas C. Amory, Jr.

Robert Marsh,

Samuel R. Spinney,

Leemuel M. Handish,

Moses Clark,

John L. Tyler,

Joseph L. Henshaw,

Sylvanus A. Denio,

Joseph T. Paul,

Hiram A. Stevens.

Mr. Cutler of Ward 11 came up with a message informing this Branch that a quorum of the Common Council were present in their Chamber and were ready to be qualified.

The two branches of the City Council accordingly assembled

In Convention.

Prayer having been offered by the Rev^d Edward E. Hale - the oaths of office were administered by the Hon. George T. Bigelow, Chief Justice of the Commonwealth, to the Mayor, who in turn administered them to the above named Aldermen, and then to the following members of the Common Council, viz:

Jan: 5 1863
Common
Council.

Ward 1.

Matthew Keany.
Dennis Bonner.
John W. Lughton.

Ward 2.

Richard Beeching.
George Hinman.
Augustus Reed.
Charles R. McLean.

Ward 3.

John C. Tucker.
Bernard Cullen.
John Glancy.
Philip C. Donnell.

Ward 4.

Alexander Wadsworth.
John M. Fiske.
Granville Mears.
William W. Warren.

Ward 5.

Joseph A. Brown.
Michael F. Wells.
Joseph Allen.
Joseph Richardson.

Ward 6.

Daniel Davies.
William E. Bicknell.
David A. Coolidge.
Charles Woodbury.

Ward 7.

Jabez Frederick.
Edward Ryan.
John P. Orlway.
Daniel J. Greeney.

Ward 8.

Joseph Buckley.
George I. Hale.
Morris C. Fitch.
J. Tisdale Bradley.

Ward 9.

William Carpenter.
Franklin H. Sprague.
Gilbert C. Brown.
John C. Haynes.

Ward 10.

John Bonrowscale.
Loring B. Barnes.
Horace B. Fisher.
Patrick F. Logan.

Ward 11.

Lucius A. Cutler.
Nathaniel Adams.
William Cumston.

Ward 12.

George W. Sprague.
Henry A. Drake.
William Gallagher.
Lewis J. Bird.

His Honor the Mayor then addressed both branches of the City Council, after which the Convention was dissolved.

Chairman

After the return of the Board of Aldermen to their room, the Board proceeded to elect a Chairman in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter and the ballots having been taken and counted, it appeared that the whole number was 12. Necessary for a choice 7. Thomas C. Amory, Jr.

had 10. Silas Peirce 1. and Otis Norcross 1. So Mr. Amory was duly
chosen.

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January 5, 1863

On motion of Alderman Hon-
shaw, a message was sent to the Common Council informing that
branch that Thomas C. Amory, Jr. was elected Chairman of this Board.

Mr. Cutler of Ward 11. came up Com: Council
with a message informing this Branch that the Common Council
was duly organized by the choice of George I. Hale as President and
Washington P. Gregg as Clerk organized

On motion of Alderman Peirce City Clerk
a message was sent to the Common Council proposing a Convention
of the City Council forthwith for the purpose of choosing a City Clerk
for the present Municipal Year.

Notice having been received of
the concurrence by the Common Council in the foregoing proposition,
the two branches assembled.

In Convention.

The Chair appointed
Alderman Norcross, and Messrs Meas and Ordway a Committee to
receive, sort and count the votes for a City Clerk - and they having at-
tended to that duty reported that the whole number of ballots was 57 -
of which Samuel F. McKeay had 54 - and he was duly chosen.

The oaths of office having been
administered to him by the Mayor - and the business of the Con-
vention having been accomplished, the two branches separated.

Jan^y 5. 1863

Jury

Superior Court.

Ten Grand Jurors were drawn for the

Aldermen

rules

Ordered: That the rules and orders.

of the Board of Aldermen of 1862 be and the same are hereby adopted as the rules and orders of this Board until otherwise ordered - and that Aldermen Norcross and Tyler be a committee to examine and report if any alterations are required therein.

City Council

rules

Ordered: That the joint rules and

orders of the last City Council be adopted until otherwise provided.

Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 7. 1863

Joint

Rules & Orders.

Com^{ee}

Ordered: That Messrs Buckley, Law-

son and Bicknell with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be a committee to prepare joint Rules and Orders for the government of the City Council during the present Municipal Year. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Henshaw and Marsh were joined. Approved by the Mayor January 7. 1863.

City
Hospital

Ordered: That Aldermen Norcross

and Spinney with such as the Common Council may join be a committee to nominate eight Trustees of the City Hospital, who by a recent ordinance are to be elected in January 1863. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred and Messrs Davis, Wadsworth and Fitch were joined. Approved by the Mayor January 6. 1863

Ordered: That Mondays 5
at four o'clock, P.M., be assigned as the day and hour for
holding the regular meetings of this Board. Jun^y 5, 1863.

Ordered: That the
several departments of the government now established in the
City Hall be removed with their records and papers to the rooms
designated for them by the City Council of 1862 until the work of re-
building the City Hall is completed - and that said removal take
place under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings
and City Messenger as soon as practicable after this date. Sent down
for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Jan^y 6.
1863.
Temporary
accommodations

Ordered: That the Aldermen
and two members of the Common Council from each Ward be a
committee to determine and pay the allowances of State Aid
to the families of Volunteers under Chapter 66 and 166 of the Acts
of 1862 and any other acts in relation thereto which may be passed.
Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred and Miss Leighton
and Bonna of Ward 1. Reed and McLean of Ward two. Tucker &
O'Donnell of Ward 3. Warren and Fiske of Ward 4. Wells and Brown
of Ward 5. Picknell and Coolidge of Ward 6. Frederick and Ordway
of Ward 7. Buckley and Fitch of Ward 8. Carpenter and Sprague
of Ward 9. Fisher and Borrowdale of Ward 10. Cumston & Adams
of Ward 11. and Sprague and Bird of Ward 12. were joined. Approved
by the Mayor January 6, 1863.

On motion of Alderman Tyler
it was ordered that the regular meeting of the Board on Mon-
day next be held at Mechanics' Hall in Bedford Street.

Aldermen
Chief

Mechanics'
Hall.

On motion of Alderman Henshaw
the Board then adjourned.

At a Special meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of New York held at the City Hall on Wednesday
the seventh day of January, Anno Domini, 1863
Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Peirce, Clark,
Hewitt, Paul and Vorhees.

Juries

Five Grand Jurors drawn for Superior
Court - Six Jurors for the first Session of the Superior Court, and
eight for the second Session of the Superior Court.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Al-
dermen of the City of New York held at the City Hall on Sunday
the twelfth day of January, Anno Domini, 1863.
Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Rules
and Orders

The Committee appointed to
prepare Rules and Orders for the government of the Board of Al-
dermen for the year 1863, beg leave to recommend the adoption
of the Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen of 1862,
with certain amendments and they respectfully submit the ac-
companying order to the Committee for their consideration. Ordered:
That the Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen of 1862
and they hereby are adopted for the government of the Board of Al-

dermen of 1863, with the following amendments, viz: In Section 27, 7.
second line, after the word "ing", insert the words "contract or"; and Jan. 12. 1863
the words "contract or" in the seventh line. After Section 27, insert
the following new section: "Section 28. The Committee shall draw
and receive from the city treasurer to the purpose of paying
the expense of said committee during portion of the same while
absent from the city of Boston, and authorized by special vote
of the Board". After the numbering of the last section, so that
it shall be "Section 29". And accepted and the rules passed and
the question being on the adoption of the rules as thus amended,
Alderman Ames moved to amend the same still further by inserting
in the "rules of business" the following item "3. Unfinished Business." And
amendment was passed and the rules were adopted.

In accordance with said
rules the Mayor appointed the following Standing Committees of the
Board, viz: Finance - Aldermen Tyler, Andrews and Paul. Highways
- Ald. Hennes, Clark, Lever, Land & Tenement - Ald. Lever, Tyler and Henry. Comptroller
- Aldermen Stevens, Standish and Loring. Common and Squares
- Aldermen Norcross, Tyler and Paul. Public Health - Aldermen Paul,
Spencer and Standish. The Laboratory - Aldermen Spencer, Hen-
shaw and Loring. General Health - Aldermen Norcross, Tyler & Francis.
Internal Health - Aldermen Clark, Loring and Marsh. Fire - Aldermen
Clark, Norcross and Paul. Sanitary, Bells and Clocks - Aldermen Donio,
Paul and Marsh. Licenses - Aldermen Henshaw, Peirce and Clark.
Market - Aldermen Marsh, Stevens and Norcross. Drains - Aldermen
Standish, Henshaw and Marsh. Police - Aldermen Ames, Peirce
and Henshaw. Swamp - Aldermen Marsh, Spencer and Clark.
Steam Engines - Aldermen Donio, Clark and Marsh. Sheds - Aldermen

Standing
Committees

8 Rice, Spinney and Amos.

Jan 12. 1863

Rules & Order

The Committee appointed to prepare joint rules and orders for the government of the City Council of 1863, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the Rules and Orders of the City Council of 1862, with an amendment subjecting all transfers of appropriations, as well as the original appropriation to a two third vote. They therefore respectfully submit the accompanying order to the Committee, E. L. Spinney, Chairman. Ordered: That the Rules and Orders of the City Council of 1862 be and they hereby are adopted for the government of the City Council of 1863, with the following amendment, viz: In the thirteenth line of the seventh section, strike out the words "in which latter case," and insert, "in either of which cases." Passed with this alteration, viz: to make the Committee on the Overseers of the Poor & the City Civil House consist of two Aldermen and of three members of the Common Council. Sent down for concurrence. January 15. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 17. 1863

In accordance with the foregoing rules, the Mayor appointed the following Aldermen on the Joint Standing Committee viz:-

Alfred
Department

Ordered: That Aldermen Street and Rice with such as the Common Council may join constitute the Joint Standing Committee on the Police Department. Sent down for concurrence. January 15. Came up concurred and Messrs Barnes, Ryan and Gallagher were joined

Claims

Ordered: That Aldermen Street, Rice and Rice with such as the Common Council may join

constitute the Joint Standing Committee on Claims. Sent down for
concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and Messrs Carpenter,
Laird, Hinman, Hildnorth and Brewster were joined.

9.
Jan: 12/1863

Ordered: That Aldermen Paul &
Denio with such as the Common Council may join constitute a
Joint Standing Committee on Fuel. Sent down for concurrence.
January 15 came up concurred and Messrs F. S. Sprague, Cullen and
Logan were joined.

Fuel.

Ordered: That Aldermen Denio
and March with such as the Common Council may join consti-
tute the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Alarms. Sent down for
concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and Messrs Cullen, Fisher
and Bird were joined.

Fire
Alarms.

Ordered: That Aldermen Tyler
and Stevens with such as the Common Council may join consti-
tute the Joint Standing Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for
concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and Messrs Beeching,
Hells and Warren were joined.

Harbor.

Ordered: That Aldermen Amory,
Pine and Clark with such as the Common Council may join
constitute the Joint Standing Committee on the City Hospital. Sent
down for concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and Messrs
Hedberg, F. S. Sprague, Cushman, Cullen and Butler were joined.

City
Hospital.

Ordered: That Aldermen Spin-
ney, Forcett and Paul with such as the Common Council may
join constitute the Joint Standing Committee on Institutions at South
Boston and Deer Island. Sent down for concurrence. came up concurred.

Institutions

10 ed and Messrs Adams, Dicknell, Richardson, Brown and Fiske were
Jan 12, 1863 joined.

Ordinance

Ordered: That Aldermen Amory,
Marsh and Stevens with such as the Common Council may join
constitute the first Standing Committee on Ordinances. Sent down
for concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and Messrs
A. H. Spague, Barnes and Coolidge were joined.

Ordinance
of the Poor

Ordered: That Aldermen Pierce
and Rice with such as the Common Council may join con-
stitute the first Standing Committee on Ordinance of the Poor.
Sent down for concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and Messrs
Buckley, Morse and Coolidge were joined.

Public
Building!

Ordered: That Aldermen
Paul, Spinney and Standish with such as the Common Council
may join constitute the first Standing Committee on Public Build-
ings. Sent down for concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and
Messrs Quire, Lighter, G. H. Spague, Adams and Warren were joined.

Public
Instruction

Ordered: That Aldermen Tyler,
Amory and Pierce with such as the Common Council may join
constitute the first Standing Committee on Public Instruction.
Sent down for concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and
Messrs Quire, Lighter, G. H. Spague, Adams and Warren were joined.

Public

Ordered: That Aldermen Pierce,
Pier and Standish with such as the Common Council may
join constitute the first Standing Committee on Public Lands.
Sent down for concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and

Messrs Wadsworth, Tucker, Woodbury, Richardson, and Butler were joined.

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Jan: 12. 1863

Ordered: That Alderman Amory with such as the Common Council may join constitute the joint Standing Committee on Printing. Sent down for concurrence January 15. Came up concurred and Messrs Fitch and Haynes were joined.

Printing.

Ordered: That Aldermen Tyler, Amory and Stevens with such as the Common Council may join constitute the joint Standing Committee on the Public Library. Sent down for concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and Messrs Drake, Buckley, Fisher, J. A. Brown and Reed were joined.

Public Library.

Ordered: That Aldermen Spinney and Pince with such as the Common Council may join constitute the joint Standing Committee on the Treasury Department. Sent down for concurrence. January 15. Came up concurred and Messrs J. A. Brown, Barnes and Haynes were joined.

Treasury.

Ordered: That Aldermen Rand- ish, Marsh and Denis with such as the Common Council may join constitute the joint Standing Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. January 15. Came up concurred and Messrs Frederick, Peckham, Hunt and Hulburt and W. S. Brown were joined.

Water.

On motion of Alderman Spinney the Board proceeded to ballot to the choice of three members of the Committee on Accounts on the part of the Board, and the ballots having been sorted and counted it appeared that Elias

Accounts.

Jan. 12, 1862.

Price, Samuel L. Grinnell and Jacob H. Sondheim were chosen. Sent down to be joined. In Common Council, January 15. Messrs Lucius A. Cutler, William C. Brown, Richard Perkins, Bruce B. Fisher and William C. Bicknell were chosen on said Committee on the part of that Branch.

Police
captain.

On nomination by the Mayor, William C. Brown was appointed and confirmed a captain in the Police Department.

Butler
unanimous.

A petition of George C. Richardson & others in behalf of the citizens of Boston in the use of Faneuil Hall in the nineteenth instant petition to hold a public reception of Major General Butler, was read, and was granted.

Lancaster
Avenue
Hamilton Street.

The Superintendent of Common Sewers submitted to the Board schedules of assessments for construction of sewers in Lancaster Avenue and in Hamilton Place. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Richardson

Petition of Thomas Richardson for adjustment of his claim for grade damages on Federal Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Home for Aged
Col^d Women.

Petition of Home for Aged Colored Women for adjustment of their tax on house 65 Franklin Street. Referred to the Committee on the Police Department on the part of this Board.

Meridian Street
Bridge

The Superintendent of the Meridian Street Bridge reported that he had repaired the draw of that bridge during the year 1862. Read and sent down in common Council. Placed on file.

The Superintendent of the 13

Mount Hutchinson Avenue Bridge reported that \$121.00 was paid for the draw of that bridge during the year 1862. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The Superintendent of the Federal Street

Bridge reported that \$100.00 was paid for the draw of that bridge during the year 1862. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Edward Hatch, the Inspector in Ballast.

Chief of Ballast, reported that the net amount of fees received for inspection of ballast and the weighing of vessels for the last quarter was two hundred and eighty six dollars and fifty cents. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The Port Physician reported

that under the Quarantine order of June 10, 1862 he had treated 22 ships, 15 Barks, 12 Boats and 73 persons and that \$35.21 have been paid to City Treasury as fee. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The Superintendent of Health

reported that during the last quarter the expenses of the Internal Health Department have been \$2,915.11 and the receipts \$2,232.12. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The Superintendent of Streets

reported that the expenses of his Department during the quarter ending Dec 31, 1862, were \$51,497.90, and the receipts \$1,318.88. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor

be requested to furnish a copy of the records that the same may

Mayor's
Adjutant

14. be printed. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.
Jan: 12 1863. Read and concurred.

Municipal

Ordinal: That such Ordinances, By-Laws

and special orders of the City Council, with a list of the City Officers in the various Departments of the City Government, and such other matter as may be deemed advisable, be forthwith printed, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Rules and Orders, who may employ such assistance as may be deemed advisable. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 14 1863.

Overseers

The Overseers of the Poor Submit

ted to the Board their annual report of the expenditures to the Board in 1862. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance of the Board for concurrence. January 13 came up concurred.

Appropriation

The Auditor of Accounts submitted

to the Board a statement that additional appropriations will be required by the departments of Primary Schools and Engine House. Referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence January 15. Came up concurred.

Overseers of

The Overseers of the Poor Submit

ted to the Board a request for an addition of \$1000 one thousand and ordered to their appropriation to carry them through the present winter. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance of the Board. Sent down for concurrence. January 15. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That Aldermen Amory 15

and Stern with such of the Common Council may now be a committee to consider and report what disposition shall be made of the several topics introduced in the Mayor's Address. Sent down for concurrence. January 15 came up concurred and Messrs Hudson Barnes and Davis were joined. Approved by the Mayor January 17th 1863

Jan. 12, 1863
Mayor's
Address

Ordered: That the Lochituate

Water Board be authorized to make their annual report in print. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. January 15 came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 17th 1863

Lochituate
Water Board

Ordered: That the several

Joint Standing Committees resume the unfinished business of the last year which is appropriate to said committees. Sent down for concurrence. January 15 came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 17th 1863

Unfinished
business

A communication was received

from the Board of Trustees of the Richmond Ladies Home Association transmitting the thanks of that Association for the gift of two thousand dollars for its aid. Read and sent down, Common Council. Placed on file.

Discharged
Richmond Home

The Committee appointed to nomi-

nate Trustees for the Free City Hospital, beg leave to make the following report. The Ordinance requires the election during the month of January 1863 of eight suitable persons as Trustees, two from the Board of Aldermen and three from the Common Council to serve one year, and three from the citizens at large one of whom shall be elected for three years, one for two years, and the other for one year. Hereafter one Trustee from the citizens at large will annually be

City
Hospital

to elected to serve three years. In accordance therewith we nominate
for the present year, Thomas C. [unclear] [unclear] from the
Board of Aldermen. Lewis Miller, [unclear] [unclear], L. A. [unclear] from
the common council. Andrew [unclear] of these [unclear] [unclear] for
our year, William Lawrence for one year from the citizens at large.
For the Committee, Otis Torrey, Chairman. Read and accepted.
Sent down for concurrence. January 15. Came up concurred.

City
Engineer.

On motion of Alderman Spin-
ney, Monday next at 4 1/2 o'clock was assigned as the time for the
choice of Grid Trustees by this Board.

City
Physician

Dr. Joseph Leones, City Physician,
submitted to the Board his Annual report for the year 1862. Laid on
the table and ordered to be printed.

Land.

Robert W. Hall Superintendent
of Public Lands submitted to the Board his Annual report for the
year 1862. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Sheds.

Alfred J. Turner, Superintendent
of Sheds, submitted to the Board his annual report for the year 1862.
Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Health.

Ezra Forristall, Superintendent of
Health, submitted to the Board his annual report for the year
1862. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Police
Chief report.

Josiah L. C. Ames, Chief of Police, sub-
mitted to the Board his Annual report for the year 1862. Laid on
the table and ordered to be printed.

The several Juant Officers for
the Central, Northern and two Southern Districts submitted their
quarterly reports, which were placed on file.

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Council
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Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the
Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Town Hall on
Wednesday the twentieth day of January, Anno Domini, 1863.
Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Spinney,
Toni, Clark, Tyler and Standish.

Ten traverse jurors drawn for the
Supreme Court Criminal Session.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

Thursday January 15. 1863.

Patrick H. Cunningham

Common
Council.

A member of the Common Council elected from Ward No. 1 and Nathan
More member of the same body elect. from Ward 11, accompanied by Mr.
Gibson of Ward 3 appeared before the Mayor who admin-
istered to said new members the oath of office required by law.

A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston held at the City Hall on Monday the nineteenth day of January, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Second Hand

Petitions of Jacob Marshauer &

others

for a license to sell in Second Hand Articles. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Wing

Petition of Mrs L. M. Wing, for

to have a shop in Foreign Office at No. 107 South Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Pett

Petitions of Tabulon Pett and of

others

for a license to conduct a Auctioneers in this city. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Shuck

Petition of Edward Shuck to be

compensated for damages sustained by the city's removal of a brick building upon his premises in Federal Street. Referred to the Committee on Sheds.

Sanvil Hall

Petition of the tenants in New Sanvil

Market

for the use of the light in said building. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Colburn

Petition of Hugh Colburn to dis-

appointment as Superintendent of Health. Read and sent down in Common Council. Placed on file.

Shuck

Report and order from the com-

mittee on the State to the year 1862 granting subsidy to the committee to purchase of the greater of the whole of the fishing boats at Wintthrop belonging to said State for 1862, were

aided to the Common Council to be taken from the tax of last year and were referred to the committee on the Auditor. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

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Jan. 14, 1863

A certificate was received from the common Council stating that Messrs. William Sumner, George Sumner, Henry A. Lusk, John Richardson, David S. Village, Gunville Mead, and J. Tisdale Bradley had been elected Committee on Finance. Read and the Mayor and the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen were joined ex-officio.

Finance.

Petition of Hinkley, Williams & Co. to be compensated for damage sustained by the construction of the new street across their property. Referred to the committee on claims. Sent down for concurrence. January 22. Came up concurred.

Hinkley.

The Committee on Finance having considered the Auditor's communication of the 12th instant, reported in favor by recommending to the City Council the passage of the annual rates. In the Committee, L. A. Lincoln, Jr. Chairman. Read: That the Auditor recommended to charge thirteen thousand dollars from the appropriation for "General" street work in American Avenue to Henry Scherell. Read twice and passed. Was taken up by Messrs. Ames, Clark, Denio, Henshaw, Norcross, Marsh, Paul, Pierce, Spinney, Thunders, Stevens, Tyler. 12. Aye none. Sent down for concurrence. January 29. Came up concurred. Yeas 34. Aye none. Reported to the Mayor. January 30, 1863.

Appropriations.

The Committee on the Fire Department beg leave respectfully to report, that the appropriation of two thousand dollars, for Engine Houses, for the present financial year, is exhausted, the amount of expenses incurred and paid

Engine.

Fire.

20. being \$21,000. In addition to these expenses, there are now outstanding
Jan 19, 1863 due to the amount of \$7,700 making the total amount now required
about \$28,700. The necessity of repairs on various streets, bridges, and
other works that were not contemplated in making
up the estimates, has occasioned this excess of expenditures over
the appropriation. In order to meet this excess, and to provide for
the repairs which will be required before the first of May, the Committee
respectfully request the passage of the accompanying order. For the com-
mittee, Edmund A. Spinnaker, Chairman. Ordered: That the sum of two
thousand dollars be added to the appropriation for engine repairs, and
that the Committee on Finance be requested to provide the means, and
here and passed. Put down for concurrence. January 29, came up
concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 30, 1863.

Dover Street
Bridge

Ebenezer C. Leman, Superintendent
of Dover Street Bridge reported that 1791 rebels passed the draw of
said Bridge during the last war. Read and sent down. In com-
mon Council. Placed on file.

Smith
Tipton

Petitions of Edward L. Smith and
of George H. Tipton, respectively for appointment as Superintendent
of Dover Street Bridge. Read and sent down. In common Council.
Placed on file.

City
Hospital
Trust

Agreeable to assignment the Board
proceeded to build 72 sight tickets of the City Hospital, and the
tickets having been taken and counted it appeared that the whole num-
ber was 12. Necessary for choice? Thomas C. Mow, Jr. and Otis Stacey
of the Board of Aldermen had 12. Lucius A. Butler and Joseph Buck-
ley of the Common Council had 12, David A. McCulloch had 10, and
John O. Ordway had 2. For three years William R. Lawrence had 2.

Isaac Curney 5 and J. P. Kiddle 2. For two years, Turner 21
and J. and Jacob Kleeper had 3. For one year William R. Lawrence
had 7 and Isaac Curney 5. Hence it appeared that Aldermen
Inou and Tracy? - Councilmen Butler, Buckles and Kordidge; Sum-
ner 6 each for two years and William R. Lawrence for one year were
chosen and that there was a vacancy of one trustee for three years -
and the Board having again proceeded to ballot for said trustee,
it appeared that the whole number of ballots was 11. Jackson for
three 6. Isaac Curney had eight. J. P. Kiddle 2. and Jacob Kleeper
1. If said Curney was chosen a trustee for three years sent down
for concurrence.

The Superintendent of Streets hav-
ing reported that the City had constructed cesspits for certain es-
tates on Livingston Street, the assessments for which were submitted,
it was ordered that said assessments amounting to fifty dollars
be collected according to law.

Notice having been received from
the School Committee that a vacancy exists in that body caused
by the resignation of Benjamin Lee of Ward 13, and proposing a
convention of said body with the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday
the 27th instant at four o'clock, P.M. to fill said vacancy, and
that public notice be given hereof, pursuant to law; and a message
was read and thereupon it was ordered that a message be return-
ed to the School Committee stating that this Board concurs in said
proposition.

Ordered: That there be paid to
Thomas Richardson the sum of Two hundred and twenty five dol-
lars in full compensation for any and all claims or damages to the
wooden building on Federal Street formerly known as the City

City, roads
assessments

School
Committee
vacancy

Richardson

and the said Richard said that caused to a change of grade of
said lot and that upon his giving his title to the said building
to the satisfaction of the City Council, and upon his giving to the
City an acquittance and taking of a minimum of said expenses
in consequence of said change of grade, except the claim, if any
there be, of the tenant of said building; and the same be charged
to the appropriation for paving & Culvert: That the order passed Dec.
31. 1862 and approved Jan'y 2. 1863 in favor of said Richardson be
and the same is hereby rescinded. Read twice and recommitted to
the Committee on Paving.

South Russell
Street

Whereas pursuant to an order of this
Board, passed on the eighth day of December last a nuisance has been
abated in rear South Russell and Myrtle Streets, the cost of which
was one hundred and eighty five \$185.00 dollars, to be charged to parties
benefitted by the same, according to law: it is therefore Ordered, that
the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being bene-
fitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed
with the sum therein set to their respective names, as their proper
share of the expense of the abatement of said nuisance, and
the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the
parties aforesaid, their tenants & assigns.

Tree Cuts
&c.

Ordered: That Aldermen Sprin-
gus and Huron be a special Committee to nominate to this
Board suitable candidates for appointment to the office of Street
Caretakers, Inspectors of some kind of Sticks and Sticks and Field
Drivers and Pound keepers.

Expenditures
by Committee
of 1862

Ordered: That a committee of
ten members of this Board be appointed to inquire and report if
any money was drawn from the City Treasury or other of the

Committee of the last year which was not expended during their term of office and has not yet been returned to the Treasurer. Passed and Aldermen Tricott and Mann were appointed on said Committee. 23
Jun: 19. 1863

Samuel B. Nottage, Superintendent of Public Buildings submitted to the Board his annual report for the year 1862. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Public Buildings

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on the Market the warrants for Market Stalls and bellows to be used in said market from Eli A. Snow to his father were approved by the Board. Market stalls

John M. Gill was licensed as an Auctioneer at 185 Hanover Street. Auctioneer

Ordered: That the parcel of land on the western side of the Public Garden being the western half of the strip of land called Arlington Street offered by the Commissioners on Public Lands for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the city of Boston for a public street be and the same is hereby accepted on the terms expressed in the deed of dedication of said Commissioners as and for a public street. Read once. Arlington Street

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the twelfth day of January, 1868.
Present.

Altkinson.

Petition of Charles M. Altkinson for appointment as city forester. Referred to the Committee on the Common Yc.

Second Hand

Petitions of Isaac Howe and of Thomas H. Howe for leave to sell in Second Hand Books. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Thompson.

Petition of Henry A. Thompson for license as auctioneer. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Bell.

Petition of Theodore A. Bell and others that the obstruction in front of David Bell's office in Washington Street may be removed. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, George Churchill was appointed captain of Police in place of the Captain deceased, and Edw. A. Baker was appointed lieutenant of Police in place of George Churchill, promoted.

Lewis

Petition of James Lewis to be compensated for injuries sustained by defect in the signposts of Bowdoin Square. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. January 29. Came up concurred.

Wright

Petition of Martha Wright for relief in consequence of an accident in Elm Street. Referred to the

Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. January 24. Came up 25.
concurred.

Jan: 26. 1863

Claims

Notice was received from the
Common Council of the appointment of Mr. Cumston in place of
Mr. Firman on the Committee on Claims, and of the substitution
of Mr. Allen in place of Mr. Wells on the Committee of Soldiers Relief.
Read and placed on file.

Soldiers Relief

Ordered: That His Honor the
Mayor be respectfully requested to adopt such measures as he
may deem expedient to secure a more effectual compliance with
the laws of the Commonwealth and the Ordinance of the City re-
specting the observance of the Lord's Day. Passed in Common
Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved
by the Mayor January 28. 1863.

Lord's Day
observance of

The Committee on the Overseers
of the Poor beg leave to submit the following Report. From the re-
solutions of the Superintendent and Teachers of Schools, it appears
that there is occasionally a need of shoes for some of the indigent
pupils to enable them to attend school, and although it is not uni-
form in other cities to provide shoes in such cases, yet as it has been
the custom here for some years, and it seems desirable to enable
those who are poor to avail themselves of our schools, we think it ad-
visable to appropriate a small sum of money to be expended
for the purpose, under the direction of the Committee on the Overseers
of the Poor. We therefore recommend the passage of the accompa-
nying order. For the Committee, Elih Noyes, Chairman. Ordered:
That the Committee on the Overseers of the Poor be and they
are authorized to expend in providing shoes for indigent
children attending the Public Schools a sum not exceeding five

Shoes

for indigent
children

26. Hundred dollars, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for the purchase of the Dr. Emerson Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, January 28, 1863.

C. David

Petition of Peter A. David for appointment as Superintendent of Federal Street Bridge. Read & sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Emerson.

Petition of John Emerson for appointment as Superintendent of Lava Street Bridge. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

City
Hospital
Trust

The Common Council having concurred with that Board in the election of William F. Adams and Henry Adams, John Miller, George, Quincy and Lawrence as Trustees of the City Hospital for the term as therein specified and having also elected John D. Adams of the Common Council in place of George Quincy chosen by this Branch. And Samuel S. Shurtleff for two years in place of Samuel Crosby, chosen by this Branch. Said action came up for concurrence; and the ballots being taken and counted for two years it appeared that Henry Fickley and Crosby were again chosen by this Board Dr. Nathl B. Shurtleff declined being a candidate. Went down for concurrence.

Library
Trust.

The President of the Trustees of the Public Library submitted a true and a copy of said Trustees wherein they recommend that Charles C. Jewett be elected Superintendent of the Public Library for the ensuing year at a salary of not less than \$2000 per annum. Read and sent down in Com. Council. Placed on file.

Ordered: That the Committee 27.

on Finance consider and report upon the expediency of making all future loans negotiated by the City Council in current and sent down for concurrence. January 24. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, January 30. 1863. Jan: 26. 1863
Sent down
and Concurred:

The Committee appointed to Mayor's Address
consider and report what disposition shall be made of the several subjects presented for the consideration of the City Council in the Mayor's Address, has leave to recommend the passage of the accompanying order. In the Committee, Thomas C. Smory, Chairman. Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to Finance be referred to the Committee on Finance; that so much as relates to Public Grounds be referred to the Committee on Public Grounds; that so much as relates to the Lower Drainage cases be referred to the Committee on Claims; that so much as relates to the Public Institutions be referred to the Committee on Institutions; that so much as relates to the Free City Hospital be referred to the Committee on the Free City Hospital; that so much as relates to the Harbor be referred to the Committee on the Harbor; that so much as relates to the Careless of the Poor be referred to the Committee on the Careless of the Poor; that so much as relates to the New City Hall be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, with instructions to report the probable cost of the building and furniture. Passed. Sent down for concurrence. January 24. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, January 30. 1863.

Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to the Buck Bay together with so much as relates to Sewerage at the South end, be referred to a Joint Back Bay.
Sew.

28.

Jan: 26. 1863.

Special Committee to consist of three Aldermen and five members of the Common Council. Passed: and Aldermen Rice, Standish and Clark were appointed on said Committee. And then in concurrence. January 29. Came up concurred and Messrs Adams, Carpenter, Woodman, Sears and Townsland were joined. Approved by the Mayor January 30. 1863.

Common

Address

Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to the Eastern Avenue be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of three Aldermen and five members of the Common Council. Passed: and Aldermen Spinney, Emory and March were appointed on said committee. And then in concurrence. January 29. Came up concurred and Messrs Walter, Buckley, Southworth, Peabody and J. L. Sawyer were joined. Approved by the Mayor January 30. 1863.

Mayor's

Address

Ordered: That so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to Paving be referred to the Committee on Paving; that so much as relates to Internal Sanitation be referred to the Committee on Internal Sanitation; that so much as relates to the Police be referred to the Committee on Police; that so much as relates to the South Bay, together with so much as relates to Horse Railroads, be referred to the Committee on Paving.

Police

Committee

Ordered: That Aldermen with such as the Common Council may join be a Committee with full powers, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, to make such expenditures as shall be required in recruiting Volunteer Soldiers from Boston, or in other ways to promote such enlistments as are, or may be hereafter, necessary in the Massachusetts Regiments. Such expenditures to be charged to the appropriation for recruiting

Expenses. Read and said on the table.

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On motion of Alderman Spinney Jan: 26. 1863.

now it was ordered that the list of jurors who are qualified to serve in the several courts of the County of Suffolk be revised by this Board and be posted in the City Hall and Court House and be thereafter sent to the Common Council for revision and acceptance pursuant to law. Approved by the Mayor January 28. 1863

The Committee on Paving, to

Richardson.

whom was recommended the order to pay Thomas Richardson \$225 in full compensation for grade damages on Federal Street, would respectfully report that the orders have been drawn up in accordance with the adjustment made by the Committee on Paving of last year, and in view of all the circumstances of the case they are unanimously of the opinion that they ought to pass. In the Committee, L. Miles Standish, Chairman. Read and accepted and said order (as recorded page 21) was accordingly passed. Approved by the Mayor January 28. 1863.

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the acceptance of the western half of Arlington Street on the terms expressed in the deed coming from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor January 28. 1863.

Arlington
Street

Ordered: That the words except in apartments designated by the Captain with the approbation of the Chief be added to the case of the 2nd Section of the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Boston Police: and the word "smoking" be omitted in Rule 76. Read twice & passed.

Police

Rules & Regs.

Approved by the Mayor, January 27, 1863.

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Amusement

Board of

Ordered: That the Committee on

Amusement be instructed to cause the several buildings now occupied as places of public amusement in the city to be examined with a view to the safety of visitors in case of fire.

Expenditures

Inquiry

Alderman Sprinney moved that the City Council at its last meeting should appoint a special committee to inquire and report if any money had been drawn by any committee from the Treasury in 1862 which was not expended. After a lengthy discussion on this motion Alderman Pierce moved that the motion be laid on the table, which motion was not carried. Aldermen Allen and Eric S. Allen. Aldermen May, Clark, Smith, Sprinney, Peck, Tuck, Sprinney, Hamilton, Allen and Eric S. Allen. The question then recurring upon the motion to reconsider the table and a vote was taken thereon, a yeas, two Aldermen Sprinney, Allen, Hamilton, Eric S. Allen, Sprinney, Hamilton and Alderman May. Nays Aldermen Clark, Peck, Allen, Eric and Allen. 5. To the motion to reconsider prevailed, and the question being on the passage of the order as amended passed it was, on motion of Alderman Sprinney, indefinitely postponed.

Auctioneers.

Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on Licenses John Bull was appointed an Auctioneer at 256 Washington Street and Albert Colby was appointed an Auctioneer at 233 Washington Street.

Second Hand

Articles

Henry Colbert was licensed to deal in Second Hand Goods at 25 Cambridge Street and Mrs. Hume to deal in said articles at 15 Cambridge Street.

Ordered: That there be paid to 31

J. Gordon Lister for the sum of Franklin Lister the sum of twelve hundred dollars, for damages sustained by said Lister in consequence of the cutting off of a portion of their building a widen Union Street, upon his terms to the City to discharge thereof, exclusive of all tenants' claims for damages; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening streets. Ordered: That the order be read Dec. 9, 1862, in favor of said J. Gordon Lister and in relation to this subject be read the same is hereby recorded. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Streets. Jan. 26, 1863

Resolved: That the report of the Committee on Streets Lister J. Lister was appointed a member of Board within and for this City. Coal Mayor

On petition of Executors of John Skinner to be paid for land taken to widen Union Street at Summit Street, the Committee on Streets reported that the matter has already been adjusted. Read and accepted. Skinner

On petition of Home for Aged Colored Women for abatement of tax on House No. 65 South Street. The Committee on the Finance Department on part of this Board reported that inasmuch as no tax was assessed on said estate in 1862, no abatement thereof is required. Read and accepted. Aged-Colored Women

Amos B. Smith Superintendent of Sews, submitted to the Board his Annual Report for the year 1862. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Dec. 13, Sews Supts report.

on 20/1/02
Dorchester
Shed
Tow

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the twentieth day of October 1891, public notice thereof having not been given, a common sewer has been constructed in Dorchester Shed, the cost of which was six hundred twenty four dollars and twenty eight cents and quadrants, whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains five hundred and six dollars and fifty six cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule Accounts annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Dorchester
Avenue
Tow

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the twenty seventh day of May 1892, public notice thereof having not been given, a common sewer has been constructed in Dorchester Avenue near Dorchester Shed, the cost of which was twenty four hundred and seven dollars, one half part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains twelve hundred and three dollars and fifty cents to be charged to persons benefitted by the same according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule Accounts annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid their tenants or lessees.

Adjourned to Tuesday next (tomorrow) at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of 33

Aldermen of the city of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Tuesday
the twenty seventh day of January, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Ricci,
Tyler, Stevens and Henshaw.

Agreeably to appointment the

Board assembled in Convention with the School Committee for
the purpose of electing a member of said Committee in place of Ben-
jamin Pope of Ward 12, resigned - and Aldermen Rice and Messrs
Seymour and Smith of the said Committee having been appoin-
ted a Committee to receive, sort and count the ballots for such
member, it appeared that the whole number of ballots was 56.
Thomas W. Burnham had 50, Samuel Briggs
1 and Francis H. Underwood 5. To said Burnham was duly chosen
a member of the School Committee for Ward 12 for the remainder
of this Municipal Year. The business of the Convention having
been accomplished the two branches separated and this Board
adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

School
Committee

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen
of the city of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the sec-
ond day of January, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The chairman and all the Aldermen.

Petition of the Massachu-

setts Rifle Club that the city would assume the expense of rent &
light used in the Armories occupied by said Club. Referred

Massachusetts
Rifle Club

34 to the Committee on Annuities.

St. Louis
intelligible

Petition of Isaac Bullfield for an
assignment of her on estate Isaac Bullfield and Benjamin Bullfield.
Referred to the Committee on the Board's Department on part of
this Board.

Second Hand
articles

Petition of Dennis O'Brien for leave
to land in Second Hand Article at 20 Hamilton Street. Referred to
the Committee on Licenses.

Southard

Petition of John A. Southard, Surveyor
at the South Side for instructions as to signs of change in certifi-
cates issued to him. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Holmes

Petition of Oliver M. Holmes to be
paid for land taken from him to extend 1st Street between 1st and 2nd
Streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Drake

Petition of Heirs of John Drake to
be paid for damages sustained by the widening of Hudson Street.
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Blaney

Petition of David A. Blaney & others
that Hudson Street may be widened from North Street to
Breed's Island. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Thompson
Long Street

Petition of National Association
Society that a road may be paid for a passenger landing from
Boston to Brooklyn Street. Referred to the Committee on Rivers with
direction to confer with the Board of Public Land Commissioners.

Mifflin

Petition of Charles Mifflin and

other that the practice of fast driving at the lower end of Beacon 35.
Street may be discontinued. Referred to the Committee on Fire. Feb. 2. 1863.

Agreeably to the recommenda- Fire Dept.
tion of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, the discharges
of Walter Martin from Engine Company 6 Benjamin Turner from
Engine 6 9 and Walter M. Norris from Hook and Ladder Company 3 -
were approved by the Board.

Agreeably to the nominations Fire
Department.
admissions
Officers
in the Board the following persons were appointed members of
the Fire Department Engine 1 George A. Finkham, Engine 4 John
Cummings, Hook and Ladder No. 1 - Amos A. Todd, William L. Hunt;
Hook and Ladder No. 2 George J. Smith; - and the following Officers
were confirmed by the Board, viz: Frederick M. Fane, John A. Hunt,
Charles C. Geyer, John A. Hunt, John A. Somers, Rufus B. Turner, Ben-
jamin King, William Goodell, John A. Hunt, Thomas C. Turner,
and John A. Hunt were confirmed as Foremen of Engines 2, 4, 6,
8, 9, 10. Hook Companies 2, 3, 6, 9, 10. respectively - Hook Fore-
man of Hook and Ladder No. 1. Elijah B. Hunt, Richard de Chastell.
meant well, Amos A. Hunt, John A. Hunt, David C. Hilton, John A.
Hunt, James A. Hunt, Daniel C. Bickford, George W. Thomp-
son, William A. Young, Akemen. Hook and Ladder No. 2. Charles
Simmons, Foreman - Benjamin A. Lincoln, Assistant Foreman, George
H. Crafts, Hook - Stephen C. Lincoln, James W. Gurvey, John A. Elliott,
David A. Hunt, Akemen. Hook and Ladder No. 3. Henry R. Roy, Benjamin
C. Leaver, Richard Keen, Akemen. - Hook and Ladder No. 4. James
L. Houston. Foreman, James M. Clifford, Assistant Foreman, Benjamin
S. Wright, Nathaniel A. Sumner, John A. Hunt, Charles A. Hunt,
Akemen. Hook and Ladder No. 5. George Mitchell, John A. Hunt, Geo. A. Hunt, Akemen.

Feb. 2, 1863. Mayor to the Honorable the City Council: Gentlemen: I have the honor to transmit the accompanying Memorial from the Board of Directors of the Lunatic Hospital, calling your attention to the present condition of the Lunatic Hospital under their care, with some suggestions in regard to the prospective wants of that institution. The Memorial is more elaborate in its character, going more fully into details than that presented to the last City Government. The facts are probably new to many members of the City Council, and have, in the minds of the Directors, fixed them to the conclusion that the time is not far distant when some measure will be necessary to provide for a change in the location of the Hospital. The present condition of public affairs makes it inexpedient to embark in any new enterprise for the expenditure of a large appropriation. The Directors realize this fact, but have deemed it their duty to bring the subject to your notice, in order, if their suggestions meet your approbation, that they may be enacted, when an opportunity occurs, to select an eligible site for your purposes, upon which a new building may be erected, when more propitious times shall dawn upon our distracted country. The subject is one deserving your consideration, and at the request of the Board I bring it thus formally to your notice. J. H. Lincoln, Mayor. Read in the hall, and ordered to be printed. See City Document 11.

Read

Adopted

On motion of Alderman Treadwell

the said town has taken the order for the appointment of a Special Committee to take charge of the subject of recruiting for marine recruits, and the question being on the passage of said order, as recorded page 29, it was adopted and Alderman Treadwell

Spinney were appointed on said committee. Sent down for concurrence. Coming up same up concurred and Messrs Butler, Howe & Wells were joined. Approved by the Mayor February 20. 1863.

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Feb. 2. 1863

His Honor the Mayor tendered to the Board his resignation as a Member of the Board of Directors for Public Institutions. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence Feb'y 5. Came up concurred.

Institutions

Ordered: That Messrs Barnes, Warren and Leumston with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be a committee to nominate Principal and Ex-Superintendents. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen Pierce and Tyler were appointed on said committee. Approved by the Mayor February 4. 1863.

Superintendents

The City Clerk reported to the Board that during the last quarter he had received and paid into the City Treasury the sum of two hundred and twenty seven dollars and twenty two cents. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

City Clerk

The City Registrar reported that during the last quarter he had received and paid into the City Treasury the sum of three hundred and thirty six dollars. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

City Registrar

The Hayweigher at the North Scale reported that during the last quarter he had received the sum of seven hundred and eighty two dollars and twenty seven cents. He paid one cent of which he had paid to the Association

Hayweigher

Feb. 2, 1863.

Petition
to
Common
Council

to Adull Evening School. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Petition of Oliver Garfield and of

Michael Stanton jointly for appointment as Superintendent of the Lower Steel Bridge: were read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Committee

of the

Board

Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to draw under the direction of the Committee on Finance the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars the same to be appropriated to the benefit of the City for the payment of their expenditures for relief of the Poor during the month of January 1863. Read twice and passed. Yeas Aldermen Amory, Clark, Davis, Freeman, French, Green, Hall, Rice, Spinner, Thonson, Towner and John R. Shaw were. Sent down for concurrence. Ayes 5. None up opposed. Yeas 4. Sent down. Signed in the Alder January 6, 1863.

Hence

Viewers

of the

The Committee appointed to nominate and select persons for pound keeper, inspectors of lime, and fire view, do have to recommend the following named persons. To the Committee, James P. Spinner, Chairman. For Field-drivers and Pound keeper, William S. Wilson, James Underhill, Maurice A. Lee, and John H. Smith. For inspectors of lime, John H. Smith. For fire viewers, George A. Lee, Wm. H. Lee. Read and said nominations were duly confirmed. Sent down for concurrence. Ayes 5. None up opposed.

Bills

to be paid.

Ordered: That the following bills, for services rendered or materials furnished by persons connected directly or indirectly with the City, be paid, provided they are approved and allowed in the usual manner viz: Sent

ten and ninety five hundred and fifty five dollars and ninety
cents; J. B. Hall, one hundred and seven dollars and twenty cents. Feb. 2, 1863.
five dollars and eleven cents; William Gallagher Jr one hundred
and sixteen dollars and forty six cents, eight dollars and ninety
six cents; Fisher & Allen, fifty two dollars and sixty four cents; H. C.
Clark, one hundred dollars and twenty two cents. Read twice
and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 5 came up concurred.
Approved by the Mayor Feb. 6, 1863.

Petition of Jeremiah Hurley for Indian
an allotment of water in amount on water Feb. 11, 1863. Petition
passed by the City. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down
for concurrence. Feb. 5 came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Joint Com- Harbor
mittee on the Harbor inquire and report if the present Harbor
Defences are sufficient for the protection of the City against any
possible attack by sea, and if not, what action it is advisable for
the City Council to take. Passed in Common Council. Came up for
concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor February
4, 1863. defence.

Ordered: That the Committee
on Finance of the City be requested to apply to the Legislature
for some change in the Statutes relating to the Finance of the City
whenever a more efficient and economical administration of that
important organization may be obtained. Passed in Common Coun-
cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by
the Mayor February 4, 1863. Finance of City.

Ordered: That the Committee
on the relief of Soldiers families be and they hereby are authoriz- Soldiers
ed to aid to such extent as they may deem expedient the families of families relief.

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to be paid to discharged soldiers: and also to extend relief to such
persons as are in the line that the application was made to the
committee: and that the expense be charged to the appropriation
for Soldiers relief. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, February 6, 1863.

English
High School

A request from the School Com-
mittee that the walls and ceiling of the new hall of the English
High School House may be decorated in the style of the old School
room was read in Common Council to the Committee on Public
Instruction. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Second Hand
Articles

An ordinance entitled "An Ordinance
to amend an ordinance concerning duties in Junk, Old Metals &c,"
being the 2d, 3d & 4th, was referred to the Committee on Ordinances
by the Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred.

Soldiers
Families relief

Ordered: That the Treasurer be and
he is hereby authorized to borrow under the direction of the Com-
mittee on Finance Twenty five thousand Dollars the same to be
appropriated to the payment of allowances to the dependent fami-
lies of Soldiers. Passed in Common Council. See Ex. Order. Came up
for concurrence. Read and laid on the table: and thereupon ordered:
That the Treasurer be hereby authorized to advance from any
funds he may have in the Treasury such sums as may be
needed to meet the War's drafts for payments to the dependents
on Soldiers in the Army as provided for by the act of the Congress
during the present Municipal Year, and that said advance be
charged to an account to be called the Relief Fund of 1863. And

it is further ordered that all sums of money which the Treasurer 41
may hereafter receive from the Commonwealth in reimbursement of advances made the last year, 1862 in account of the said fund of that year be passed to the credit of the said said fund account of 1862. And here and printed and down for convenience. At 5 o'clock up concurred. Approved by the Mayor February 6. 1863. It. 2. 1863.

The Committee on the Harbor
to whom was referred the petition of Frank P. Lockstry, Exc
1862, having considered the same now report. That the petition in
question was presented to the city Government of the past year in the
month of June last and then referred to the committee on the
Harbor. on the 12th December that committee submitted their report
to the Common Council accompanied by an order for the purchase,
on the city of certain lands situated on Trent River, in the town
of Winthrop, at a price not exceeding two thousand dollars. This re-
port was laid on the table and was taken up on the 15th ult^o
and referred to the committee on the Harbor for the present year.
The facts known to the committee are, that the land in question
abuts upon the sea, between the southern entrance of the Gut and
Winthrop's Head, opposite the westerly end of Deer Island. The land
is supposed to be of very inconsequence, if of any value beyond
the benefit its proprietors may derive from the sale of certain
accretions of sand, gravel &c, upon the beach between high & low
water mark. These accretions brought there by the action of the cur-
rents, have at times yielded the proprietors several hundred dollars
a year, being sold for ballast, roofing composition and other
purposes. It appears that so long ago as the year 1799 the Leg-
islature of the Commonwealth passed an act prohibiting any

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land from securing and sand from any
beaches or shores in the Town of Chelsea, then including
Shirley, but nevertheless, the father of the petitioner, and his heirs
did continue to take and use the said sand and gravel from
the premises, apparently without interruption until the year 1845,
when the Legislature passed a more stringent act, providing in
regard to the penalty and giving a ready mode of enforcing it.
Under this Act the said William Tucker, supposed to be the father
of the petitioner, was indicted for removing sand &c. from
the premises and being found guilty the case was carried to
the Supreme Court, the proprietors of the land claiming that
the Act of 1845 was unconstitutional, but the Court thought other-
wise. In the year 1846 the proprietors of adjoining lands, with
said William Tucker, petitioned the Legislature for a modi-
fication of the Act of 1845, whereupon an Act was passed amend-
ing the Act of 1845, so far as it applied to these and adjoining prop-
erty, and the sum of five hundred dollars was awarded to said
William Tucker as an indemnity for the loss suffered by him
under the operation of said Act, for reason of being necessarily de-
barred from the use of his land for the purpose, as was intended,
of securing the Harbor of Boston." But experience soon demon-
strated that this modification of the law was dangerous to the safety
of the Harbor, and in the year 1851 the subject was urged upon
the attention of the City Government. The Selectmen and inhabitants
of North Chelsea applied to the Legislature, remonstrating against
the removal of sand &c. from these beaches and praying that
the Act of 1845 might be restored. In 1852, the premises having be-
come part of the Town of Winthrop, that town petitioned the Legis-
lature, and stated that the sea broke over the beach several times

every year and that there was great danger that large tracts of
land would be submerged and large quantities of sand and gravel
be washed into Boston Harbor and prayed that the taking of
sand ballast &c. from the beaches should be at once prohibited. In 1856,
the Legislature passed an Act making it penal to remove stones,
gravel or sand from any of the beaches, headlands or islands
within or bordering upon Boston Harbor without a written license
from the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston. This Act
was passed against the remonstrance of William Turkstrey and
others, who appeared before the Legislative Committee. In 1858,
William Turkstrey petitioned the Legislature to exempt the same
from the operation of the law, but had leave to withdraw.
In 1859, said Turkstrey asked the Legislature for compensation
for loss sustained by him by reason of having been deprived
of the use and income of his beaches by the Act of 1856. The Com-
mittee of Claims reported the petition as above. That there be
allowed and paid from the Treasury of the Commonwealth to
William Turkstrey the sum of twelve hundred dollars as an
indemnity for the loss sustained by him in being deprived of
the use and income of his beaches in the town of Hingham by
effect of the Act passed in 1856. This resolve was amended in
the Senate by adding the following proviso: "Provided, that nothing
in this grant or indemnity shall be construed into an acknow-
ledgment of any liability or claim of said Turkstrey to such in-
demnity; and provided, also, that the above sum of twelve hun-
dred dollars shall be in full satisfaction and discharge of all
claims heretofore made, or hereafter to be made by said William
Turkstrey or his heirs or assigns against this Commonwealth touch-
ing the subject matter of this Resolve." This Resolve, as thus

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amended, passed and said Jewsbury received the sum of twelve hundred dollars from the Treasury of the Commonwealth. In 1821 Jewsbury again petitioned the Legislature for amendment of the Act of 1856, but his request was not granted. In 1861, he again petitioned the Legislature, asking leave to take land & from the farms, or that the Commonwealth should buy the beach as required in public use. The petition was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, who reported its reference to the Governor & Council, but the Legislature refused such reference and no action ensued. In 1862 the petitioner as executor of William Jewsbury, again applied to the Legislature asking for compensation. The petition was referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs and Insurance who gave the subject a full consideration and reported back a resolution, which report was accepted. From their facts your Committee are led to the following conclusions: 1. That the land which the petitioner claims to have no title or no pecuniary value, apart from the collateral advantage of selling the accretions & deposits of sand & gravel to form the beach. 2. That the Commonwealth has lawfully inhibited the removal of such accretions and has awarded and paid to the petitioner or to his executor, the sum of money which was supplied by the Legislature to be in full for all past and future claims arising from the acts of the Commonwealth. 3. That the purchase of the land of the petitioner would establish a precedent of an exceedingly dangerous character, because the act of 1856 applies with equal force to all the Beaches, Highlands & Islands within a distance upon Boston Harbor, & that the city may be asked to purchase every barren strip of land contiguous to tide water, from Point Alderton round to Chelsea Beach, from which accretions have

ever been taken, if an obligation so to do, shall be admitted in this case. For these reasons the Committee cannot concur with the Committee of last year, in recommending the purchase of the petitioner's land at ten thousand dollars, or any other price, but they report that he must have to withdraw. For order of the Committee, John S. Tyler, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence Feb. 5 came up concurred.

Ordered: That His Honor Mr. McEllan

the Mayor be and he is hereby instructed to tender the hospitality of the City to Major General George B. McClellan, during his temporary sojourn amongst us: and that the City Government participate in a public demonstration to be given him by the citizens some day during his stay in Boston. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence: and the question being on the adoption of said order, Alderman Tyler stated that General McClellan had already declined to accept any public civilities from the city, and as he deemed the measure inexpedient at this time he moved to lay the order on the table. The Yeas and Nays being demanded on this motion they were taken as follows, Yeas. Aldermen Denis, Marsh, Norcross, Standish, Stevens and Tyler. 6 Nays. Aldermen Amer, Clark, Fenshaw, Paul, Rice and Spinney. 6. So said motion was lost. The question then recurring on the passage of said order, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and were taken as follows. Yeas. Aldermen Amer, Clark, Fenshaw, Paul, Rice, and Spinney. 6 Nays. Aldermen Denis, Marsh, Norcross, Standish, Stevens and Tyler 6. So said order was lost.

The Board having proceeded by ballot to the choice of a City Messenger it appeared that Oliver S. Spurr was unanimously elected. Sent down for concurrence.

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Board
of
Committee

The Board having proceeded by ballot to the choice of a committee, it appeared that Isaac Blackman was unanimously elected. Went down for concurrence. Feb. 5. Came up concurred.

Libraw
Supt.

The Board having proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Superintendent of the Public Libraw it appeared that Daniel A. Hall was unanimously chosen. Went down for concurrence. Feb. 5. Came up concurred.

Back Bay
Waste Weir

Tremont,
Dover,
Church Street

On motion of Alderman Norcross, the Board took up the order in relation to Waste Weirs in the Back Bay, which was referred to this Board by the last government and the question being on the passage of said order it was adopted as follows. Ordered: That all waste weirs and drains and the continuations of the same used for the purpose of discharging the water from the main sewers in Tremont, Dover and Church streets into the Back Bay be and the same are hereby discontinued excepting one waste weir connecting with the sewer in Tremont Street and thence passing through Avenue A. to the water in the Back Bay; also one waste weir connecting with the sewer in Tremont Street, thence passing westwardly through Canton Street and across land of the Boston Water Power Company and thence connecting with the waste weir in Avenue A. above described: also a third waste weir connecting with the sewer in Church Street thence passing through Providence Street across land of the Boston Water Power Company and the communication to the water in the Back Bay. Reported to the Mayor January 4. 1863.

The Superintendent of the 47.

Market reported that he had received and paid into the city
treasurer for the quarter ending January 31, 1883, for Shells and
Oysters, sixteen thousand three hundred and fifty one dollars and
thirty eight cents. Read and placed on file. Market.

The East Boston Ferry Com- East Boston
pany submitted to the Board their Annual Statement of receipts &
expenses for the year 1882. Said statement was filed with the City clerk
on January 31, 1883. Said on the table and ordered to be printed.

A communication was received Overseer
from the Overseer of the Poor stating that a vacancy exists in their
Board occasioned by the resignation of Henry Gurney of Ward 2.
Read and Thompson Ordered that a warrant be issued for a meeting
of the legal voters of Ward 2, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of Feb-
ruary instant at nine o'clock A.M. and there to give in their
votes in their ballots for an Overseer of the Poor to said Ward in
place of Henry Gurney, resigned. The Poll to be kept open until two
o'clock P.M. resident for
meeting

Agreeably to the report of the English
Committee on Finance, there are granted to the said Overseer a
five hundred dollars for the purpose of said fund.

The order submitted to Dorchester
the Board on the 26th of January for the collection of assessments for
construction of a Common Sewer in Dorchester Avenue was read a
second time and passed. Sewer.

The order submitted to the Hamilton
Board on the 26th of January for the collection of assessments for construc-
tion of a sewer in Hamilton Street, was read a second time and passed. Street.

2d. No.
Auctioneer

Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on Finance, William A. Thompson was appointed the second auctioneer at the old City House and John A. Allen was appointed an Auctioneer at Today's Building.

3d.

Boat

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Marine, William A. Allen was appointed a boat in this City.

Bill

On petition of Theodore A. Bell and others that certain obstructions may be removed from sidewalks in front of said Thos. estate on Washington St., the Committee on Paving reported that no further action is required thereon. Read and accepted.

Second Hand

Articles

Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on Finance the following persons were licensed as dealers in Second Hand Articles: James Applebom 87 Essex Street, Jane Barlow 108 Essex Street, Matthias Brady 364 Broad Street, Isaac Cane 112 Essex Street, Maurice Cunn 156 Broad Street, William Glavin 204 Broad Street, Samuel S. Grant 25 Essex Street, Thomas and Montague 168 Broad Street, Hodgkins and Rodgett 4 Russia Wharf, Samuel Day 45 Essex Street, Edmund Collins 88 Elm Street, John O'Hara 200 Broad Street, Christopher Ambrose 210 Endicott Street, James Hall 45 Essex Street.

Engine Fund
appropriation

The Committee on Finance having duly considered the application of the Committee on the Fire Department for an additional appropriation, respectfully report the annexed order authorizing a transfer of a sum sufficient to meet the case. For the Committee, T. W. Lincoln Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the Auditor of Accounts be and he is authorized to transfer herewith

and derive from the appropriation for Public Buildings to that for Engine Houses Read once. 49

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at the Council Hall on Monday the ninth day of February, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Paul.

Petition of James H. Wheeler & others Wheeler
that Murray Court may be required. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

On nomination by the Mayor, the Special
members of the Common Council for the year 1863 were appointed
and confirmed as Special Police Officers without pay. Vice

On nomination by the Mayor, Special
George Stuart was appointed and confirmed as a Special Police Officer Police Officer
at the Prison Building, Harrington Street and Charles E. Allen
was appointed and confirmed as a Special Police Officer at the
Music Hall.

On nomination by the Mayor, Tramps
William Burnicott was appointed & confirmed as Superintendent of Tramps.

Ordered: That the Committee 51.

on Boston Volunteers consider and report upon the expediency of relinquishing to the Nation Evans the use of his house in Tremont Street, which has been occupied by Mrs. Harrison Gray Otis and assistants, under the direction of the City Council, for military purposes and that said Committee consider and report upon the expediency of providing accommodations elsewhere for the object stated. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 12. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor February 16. 1863.

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Evans

House

Ordered: That fifteen hundred

copies of City Document 44 of 1862 being the report on Military Donations be printed, & a distribution among the benefactors of the Soldiers through the medium of the City House. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. February 12. came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 16. 1863.

Military
Donations

Ordered: That the Committee on

Expenditures inquire into the expediency of appointing a third land in the Committee on the Engineering Department and then for concurrence. Feb. 12. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 16. 1863.

Engineering
Department.

Ordered: That the public offices

connected with the City Government be closed on Monday, the twenty third of February instant, and that his Honor the Mayor cause the Bell of the City to be rung and a National Salute to be fired at Morning, Noon and Sunset on said day, in honor of the One hundred and thirty first anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. February 12. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 14. 1863.

Washington's
Birthday

Ordered: That the committee

on Claims consider and report upon the application of the
Dover Street Drainage Board, for an order directing the
City Clerk to give some portion of the City Council a more immediate connection
in the management of said Board. Sent down for con-
currence. February 12. came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor
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Dover
Street
Drainage

The Committee on Claims beg
leave respectfully to report that they have received a com-
munication from the City Clerk stating that in account of the
Dover Street Drainage cases have been served upon
the City, to the amount of \$6,084.37, and although there was no
appropriation for their payment, they could not be avoided, and, as
delay would involve additional interest, the Treasurer advanced
the sum necessary to meet them. It is probable there will be sev-
eral more claims of the same character, and as it is desirable that
there should be an appropriation to which the amounts paid
and to be paid may be properly chargeable, the Committee rec-
ommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Com-
mittee C. W. Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and
he is authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Com-
mittee on Finance the sum of seventy five thousand dollars, the
same to be appropriated to the payment of claims in the Dover
Street Drainage cases. Read twice and passed. Vias, Aldermen Im-
ray, Clark, Senie, Fenshaw, March, Sticks, Price, Spinner, Hurdish,
Stevens and Tyler 11. Nays none. Sent down for concurrence. Feb
12. came up concurred Vias 41. Nays none. Approved by the
Mayor February 16. 1863.

Gown

of the for the same purpose to request. That upon further investigation as to the present wants of the Overseers of the Poor, they find that the present necessities of those claiming aid of the Overseers make larger appropriation, than the one made by the Common Council at its last meeting, necessary. The inclemency of the weather, with other facts brought to the attention of the Committee, have induced them to recommend the passage of the following order as a substitute for the one accompanying their report of the 29th ultimo. The order now proposed will, with the order appropriating ten thousand dollars passed on the 3rd inst to the Board of Aldermen, provide a sum equal to that estimated by the Overseers of the Poor for the present financial year. Respectfully submitted, Chas. Norcross, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he is authorized to borrow under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, the same to be appropriated to the Overseers of the Poor. Voted in Common Council. Yeas 41. Nays none. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas Aldermen Amory, Clark, Denis, Henshaw, Marsh, Norcross, Rice, Spinney, Stevens and Tyler 16. Ayes none. Aldermen Paul and Gaudin. Approved by the Mayor January 11. 1863.

Ordered: That the Trustees of the Public Library be requested to furnish each member of the City Council not heretofore supplied, with a copy of each of the catalogues of the Library. Voted in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor February 10. 1863.

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Overseers
of the Poor

Loan

Library
catalogues

Ordered: That the Committee

Highways
Ordinance

in Ordinances be instructed to report an Ordinance requiring that
drainage from buildings be so constructed as to take the water from
the roofs under the sidewalks into the street drains. Passed in
Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.
Approved by the Mayor Feb. 10. 1863.

Police

Ordered: That the Committee on
Ordinances consider the expediency of amending the Police Ordin-
ance so as to provide for appointments when vacancies occur in
place of the present annual nominations, and also whether any
further amendments of said Ordinance are necessary to render it
more perfect and efficient. Sent down for concurrence. February 12.
Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor February 16. 1863.

Fire

Department
Engineers

Ordered: That Messrs Frederick of
Ward 7. Dennis of Ward 1. and of Ward 2. Vance of Ward 3. Hunt
of Ward 4. Hill of Ward 5. Corbitt of Ward 6. Buddie of Ward 8
E. G. Brown of Ward 9. Hancock of Ward 10. Miller of Ward 11. and
of Ward 12. with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be a
Committee to nominate a Chief and Assistant Engineers of the
Fire Department. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concu-
rence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Spinney, Henshaw,
Carr, Hearn and Clark were joined. Approved by the Mayor.
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Public

Institutions

Ordered: That Messrs Bicknell,
Reed, Fisher, Swan and Fiske with such as the Board of Alder-
men may join be a Committee to nominate Directors for Public
Institutions. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred and Aldermen Spinney, Norcross and

Paul were joined. Approved by the Mayor February 10. 1863.

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Ordered: That Messrs. E. H. and

Board

and Woodbury with such as the Board of Aldermen may join
be a committee to nominate a Water Board. Passed in Common
Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Al-
dermen Standish and Marsh were joined. Approved by the Mayor
February 10 1863.

Board

Ordered: That Messrs Spague of

Library

and of Cutway and Butler with such as the Board of Aldermen
may join be a committee to nominate trustees of the Public Library.
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred and Aldermen Tyler and Amory were joined. Ap-
proved by the Mayor Feb. 10. 1863.

Trustees

Petition of Foster and Taylor

Foster

for an extension of time in which to complete two houses on lots
24 and 25 Sharon Street. Referred to the Board of Land Commis-
sioners. Sent down for concurrence. February 12. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Finance have

Loans

ing duly considered the order of the City Council relating to the
"Provision of making all future loan negotiable for the city for payment of
debts in current funds - especially that in their opinion, it would be
any change from the present policy of the city of paying its debts, & interest
and the moneys on the same in specie, will be inexpedient. For
the Committee L. H. Lincoln & Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent
down for concurrence. Feb. 12. Came up concurred.

On motion of Alderman

Lunatic

Pinney, the memorial of the Directors for Public Institutions in regard

Hospital

50 of selecting a suitable site for the Lunatic Hospital, being City Sec
Feb. 9. 1863. A report was taken from the M.C. and referred to the committee
on Institutions & sent down for concurrence. Feb. 12. Came up concurred.

Commissioner The ballots having been taken
and counted in a situation of the Public Library it appeared that
Edward Conner was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 12. Came
up concurred.

City
Solicitor. The ballots having been taken and
counted for a City Solicitor, it appeared that John P. Healy was chosen.
Sent down for concurrence.

City
Physician. The ballots having been taken and
counted for a City Physician, it appeared that J. H. Jones was chosen.
Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 12. Came up concurred.

City
Registrar. The ballots having been taken &
counted for a City Registrar it appeared that Nicholas J. Spottonis
was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 12. Came up concurred.

State
Registrar. The ballots having been taken and
counted for a State Registrar it appeared that William H. Davis was
chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 12. Came up concurred.

Health
Supt. The ballots having been taken and
counted for a Superintendent of Health it appeared that Ezra Jarvis
hall was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 12. Came up concurred.

Sever
Supt. The ballots having been taken and
counted for a Superintendent of Severs, it appeared that Amos B.

Smith was chosen. Sent down for concurrence Feb. 12. Came up concurred.

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Fire Alarms

Supt:

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of Fire Alarms it appeared that Joseph B. Stearns was chosen. Sent down for concurrence February 12. Came up concurred.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of Public Lands it appeared that Peter W. Hull was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 12. Came up concurred.

Lands

Supt:

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Master of the House of Correction it appeared that Charles Robbins was chosen. Sent down for concurrence Feb. 12. Came up concurred.

House of Correction

Master

Ordered: That the Committee on Internal Health be and they are hereby authorized to contract with Nathan J. Ledy of Andover for the removal of House of Correction from East Boston, on payment of an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars and for such length of time as the Committee may deem expedient. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor February 12. 1863.

East Boston

House of Correction

Ordered: That expense of the Internal Revenue Stamps which are required to be placed by the Hayweighers upon certificates of weight & be collected from the parties requiring such certificates. Read twice and passed.

Hayweighers
Stamps

The Committee on Armories, to whom was referred the petition of Amos A. Lawrence and others that the City pay the rent of Boston Hall and the cost of lighting

Mass:

Rifle Club

Armories

58. Feb 9, 1863. into Jubilee, Union and Mercantile Sails, & three masts, having considered the same we have to report that the petition ought to be granted and they recommend the adoption of the following order. John I. Tyler, Chairman. Ordered: That the sum of six hundred and twenty dollars be appropriated and paid to Wm Gray, Amos A. Lawrence, Curtis B. Raymond, George O. Sanger and P. J. Jackson Executive Committee of the Citizens Sail organization, to meet the expense of running Boston Fair, and lighting the same, and lighting Jubilee, Union, and Mercantile Sails and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Armories. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor February 10 1863.

Second Hand
Articles

Ewen M. Kinney was licensed as a Dealer in Second Hand Articles at 32 Salem Street also Dennis O'Brien at 20 Hamilton Street.

Bridges

Monday next was assigned as the time for choice of the Superintendents of the several Bridges.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on
Monday the sixteenth day of February, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Samuel Atwood Atwood

to be compensated for damages sustained to his house No. 200
West, in consequence of imperfect sewerage in said street. Referred
to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Bay State Iron Co and Bay State
that Second Street may be paved from 4th to 1st streets. Referred
to the Committee on Paving Iron Co

Petitions of Henry Flanagan and Flanagan
of German Garden Society for appointment as City Gardeners
Referred to the Committee on Common Re Garden

Petition of Peoples Ferry Company Peoples Ferry
that the rate whereby they are required to pay for wharves and
rent for land occupied by the Suffolk Railroad Company's stable
may be reconsidered. Referred to the Committee on Dock and Marine
and Health.

Ezra Foxistall, Superintendent Health
ent of Health having nominated to the Board Daniel S. Lewis as Asst. Supt.
Assistant Superintendent said nomination was confirmed by the
Board.

On nomination by the Mayor, Special
James A. Tolman, Edward Robt, William S. Goddard and William
Goodhue were appointed and confirmed as Special Police Officers
for duty at the State House. Police.

On nomination by the Mayor Joseph Ryan was appointed and confirmed as the Inspector of Milk within and for the city of Boston.

On nomination by the Mayor the following persons were appointed and confirmed as Highways and Inspectors of Bundles: Jay, Isaac M. Barnes, Thomas B. Greenmore, Joseph Brown, David A. Gaultman, James E. Andrew, James Emerson, John Thomas, Jasper A. Eaton, Seth Brooks, George Hall, William C. Thuman, E. G. Dudley.

On nomination by the Mayor, John T. Bradford was appointed and confirmed as Surveyor at the North Scale and Maurice B. Shaw as Surveyor at the South Scale.

On nomination by the Mayor Thomas A. Davis was appointed and confirmed as Surgeon in the Marine within and for this city.

The Committee appointed to nominate Directors of Public Institutions, beg leave to recommend the election of the following named persons: Alderman William A. Stevens, common councilman, Theodore Parker, David F. Kidder, H. L. Loring, John Kimball, James Allen, Francis E. Ryan. To fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Frederic H. Lincoln, by Francis E. Parker. Respectfully submitted to the Committee, Saml. C. Peirce, Chairman. Read and accepted: sent down for concurrence. At 14 o'clock up concurred.

Petition of Mark Salom and 1362 others that all drinking saloons may be closed on Sundays. Referred to the Committee on Police.

A communication was read by 61

the Mayor, as follows viz: To the Honorable the City Council, Gentlemen:
I have the honor to transmit to the City Council the flag of the First
Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, together with communica-
tions from Ex-Major Highman and Lieut. Col. Baldwin in relation
thereto. Its dilapidated and tattered condition give evidence of honora-
ble service amid the smoke and carnage of battle, and it is re-
turned to the City Government, shorn of the gloss and gilt of its for-
mer elegance, but bringing with it a history of heroic deeds which
have been achieved under its folds. Presented to the Regiment at
the commencement of the war as a token of the interest which Bos-
ton felt in the gallant men who were about to peril their lives
in the defence of the Union, it comes back to remain a sacred me-
morial of the fidelity of those to whom it was entrusted. Its ap-
pearance should remind us, who are enjoying the comforts and
ease of home, of the hardships and dangers of our brave-citi-
zens who are absent doing battle for our common country; and
although our gratitude can never be measured by words, or
fully expressed by any conventional emblems, yet it is fitting that
we should in some degree show our appreciation of the services
of the Regiment by presenting them another standard to take the
place of the one now unfit for use. I would accordingly, respect-
fully suggest for your consideration the propriety of authorizing a
Committee to cause a flag to be prepared and presented to the
First Regiment. Such an act would re-assure this brave command
of our continued interest in their welfare, and, no doubt, would
be considered a tribute of respect to their comrades who have fall-
en in arms, as well as an inspiring and encouraging monitor,
urging them to press on to final success in the great struggle in

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John A. Dix

Colonel

Flag for

Adm.

which they are desiring their lives and souls. The Committee on the part of the Board, and the Board of Aldermen, have submitted the following orders. Ordered: That Aldermen with such as the Common Council may join be a Committee to procure a new Regimental Flag for the First Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers to replace the one which has been returned to the City with the marks of an honorable service thereon the expense of said new flag not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars and to be charged to the appropriation for War Expenses. Ordered: That said Committee and the Board be requested to present said new flag in behalf of the City Council of Boston, to the First Mass. Regiment in such manner as may seem to them most expedient. Read twice & passed and Aldermen Liver and Johnson were appointed on said Committee. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 19 came up concurred and Messrs. Liver and Johnson were joined. Approved by the Mayor February 20 1863.

Hurley.

The Committee on Water, to whom was referred the petition of Jeremiah Hurley for abatement of Water tax, have considered the same and beg leave to report: That the petitioner is responsible, as a tenant of the City's estate, P. 1145 North Street, according to the terms of his agreement, for the water tax of that estate, and there appears to be no reason why he should not pay it. The Committee therefore recommend that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw. In the Committee, L. Miles Standish, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 19 came up concurred.

Mechanic
Apprentices
Draw

Petition of Mechanic Apprentices
drawn for use of the Hall in Mechanic Building Feb
ruary 23rd in a public meeting. Referred to the Committee on Public

Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. February 19. Came up concurred. 63.

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Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances consider the expediency of creating in ordinance the office of City Gardener. Sent for concurrence Feb. 19. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor February 20. 1863.

City
Gardener

Ordered: That the Committee on Police be instructed to appear before the Committee of the Legislature which is now considering the expediency of establishing a Metropolitan Police and demonstrate against the adoption of such a measure.

Metropolitan
Police

Ordered: That Messrs Carpenter, Drake and Mass with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be a Committee to consider and report a Salary Bill for the current year. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Amory and Standish were joined. Approved by the Mayor February 19. 1863.

Salaries
Com^{ee}

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances consider the expediency of uniting the offices of Harbor Master and Captain of the Harbor Police. Sent down for concurrence.

Harbor
Master

A request from the School Committee that Robinsons system of ventilation be provided for the new Kimball School Building in North Bennett Street, was referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Instruction. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Kimball
School
North Bennett
Street

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City

Schools

The Common Council having acted A. A. Kanner as City School in place of John P. Smith who was chosen by this Board, said action came up for concurrence and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that the whole number was 12. Kanner received 7 John P. Smith had 10 A. A. Kanner and Oliver Stevens. So said Kanner was elected on the part of this Board. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 19 came up concurred.

Superintendent
of Streets

The Common Council having acted Alfred J. Turner as Superintendent of Streets, said action came up for concurrence and the ballots having been taken and counted for said Superintendent it appeared that said Turner was duly elected in concurrence.

Meridian
Street Bridge.

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of the Meridian Street Bridge it appeared that John Wright was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 19 came up concurred.

Chelsea Street
Bridge

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of the Chelsea Street Bridge it appeared that Edward J. Stevens was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 19 came up concurred.

Mt. Wash
St. Bridge

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of the Mount Washington Avenue Bridge it appeared that George A. Davis was chosen. Sent down for concurrence. February 19 came up concurred.

Federal
Street Bridge

The ballots having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of the Federal Street Bridge it appeared that Jacob Ferns was chosen. Sent down for con-

concurrence. February 19. Came up concurred.

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The Committee appointed Feb. 16. 1863

ed to nominate candidates for the office of Justice of the Peace
Libra, having attended to that duty, we have to report in
Justice at large Edward Everett, John F. Barker, George Barker, John
Daniel B. Shurtleff, William H. Guenon. From the Board of
determin the Police from the common council. Henry S. Cooke.
For Order John L. Tyler, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent
down for concurrence. February 19. Came up concurred.

Library
Justices

Petition of Nahum Porter and

Porter

others residents in Lowell and New York to relief from the
imposed drainage of that water. Read to the Committee
Committee on each side and finally sent down for concurrence.
Feb. 19. Came up concurred.

Lowell and
New York

Petition of Massachusetts Gen-

Mass: Gen:

eral Hospital for an abatement of their water tax for 1862. Read
to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 19. Came
up concurred.

Hospital

Petition of Henry Andrews and

Andrews

others that an Alarm Box may be placed on the street near
the corner of South Street. Read to the Committee on the Police.
Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 19. Came up concurred.

The Bond of William H. Bush.

conducted

a Constable having been already approved in the City of Boston
was also approved by this Board. Approved by the Board Feb. 19.

bond

Ordered: That His Honor the

Mayor read the Certificate granted to discharge the mortgage
given in the City of Boston No 1035 on a lot of land in the
discharge of said by John and George and recorded with Suffolk Superior
Court Vol. 54 the note for which said mortgage was given having been
fully paid.

Ordered by
Company

The Peoples Ferry Company sub-
mitted to the Board this day their Annual Return of their Receipts
and Expenses during the year 1862. Read on the table and ordered
to be printed.

Building

Building

The Common Council having
elected Samuel C. Village Superintendent of Public Buildings, said
action came up for concurrence. Read and Tuesday next was assign-
ed for choice by this Board.

Lower Street

Bridge

The Common Council having
elected George A. Luman as Superintendent of the Lower Street
Bridge, said action came up for concurrence. Read and Tuesday
next was assigned for a choice by this Board.

Phillips

Ordered: That there be paid to
Eben B. Phillips the sum of eighteen hundred dollars for land
taken in 1862 to widen Long Street, and for cost of removing the
building and all damages of any nature upon his giving to the
City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for
all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking, and
that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and
widening streets. Read once.

Adjourned to Tuesday the 24th inst. at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of 67

Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Tuesday
the twenty fourth day of February, Anno Domini, 1882

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Amory.

Petition of James O'Brien for
leave to deal in Second Hand Articles at 415 Broad Street. Referred
to the Committee on Licenses.

Second Hand
Articles

Petition of Hayward and Lothrop
for leave to drain house 749 Tremont Street into the Tremont Street
sewer. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Hayward
Lothrop

Petition of Joseph S. Hyde
to be paid for damages sustained from defective drainage in
Dorchester Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Sewers

Hyde

Petition of Joseph S. Hyde to
be paid for damages sustained by change of grade in Dorchester
Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Hyde

Petition of Thomas Richardson
that an order may be passed in a fine ruling case to him for
payment of damages to his reversionary interest in an estate on
Federal Street by reason of a change of grade in that locality. Referred
to the Committee on Sewers.

Richardson.

The Mayor the Mayor nomi-
nated to the Board for their confirmation the following as Chief
Officer of this City with all the powers of a Justice except the
power of issuing and executing civil process and said the Board

Police
Chief

was also nominated as Chief of Police in place of L. B. Amee, dis-
 charged. As a result of the confirmation of said nomination,
 Alderman Spinney demanded the Yeas and Nays thereon, which
 were taken as follows, Yeas. Aldermen Clark, Leno, Kaneham, Arcross,
 Marsh, Paul, Pierce, Standish, Stevens, Syler, 10. Nays. Alderman
 Spinney 1. So said nominations were confirmed.

Penicill Hall

Sept

On nomination by the Mayor, Hon
 J. J. Taylor was appointed and confirmed as Superintendent of Pen-
 icill Hall.

Chain

November

On nomination by the Mayor,
 George P. May was appointed and confirmed as Fuel Receiver
 of Chain.

Shawmut Av.

Eng. Society

Petition of Shawmut Avenue Engi-
 neering Society to have it purchase the land in Hospital Square. Re-
 ferred to the Board of Public Land Commissioners. Sent down
 for concurrence.

Nov.

Petition of Maurice B. Baire for the
 establishment of his salary as a Knight of St. John of the South
 United States. Referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for con-
 currence. January 26. Came up concurred.

Blaisland

Petition of Edward B. Blais-
 land, Captain of Company A 23rd Regiment for bounty money. Referred
 to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concu-
 rence. Feb. 26. Came up concurred.

Internal

Health.

Ordered: That so much of the wife
 Physician's report as relates to the modification of the Medical
 Division of the Internal Health Department be referred to the Com-

mittee on Ordinances. Passed in Common Council. Came up for
concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Feb. 25. 1863.

1863.

A request from the School
committee of the Bayston District that additional accommoda-
tions may be provided for the Primary School children there, was
presented in Common Council to the Committee on Public Instruc-
tion. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Bayston School
District.

The Fifth Annual Report of
the Directors for Public Institutions, came up from the Common Coun-
cil. Read and placed on file.

Institutions.

Agreeably to assignment the Board
took up the subject of the election of a Superintendent of the
Dover Street Bridge and the ballots having been taken and counted
it appeared that the whole number was 11. Necessary for a choice
6. Isaac J. Gaffield had 6. Michael Stanton 2. Edward H. Smith 1. Eben-
zer A. Geman 1. So said Gaffield was elected by this Board there-
by non-concurring with the Common Council in its choice of Ebenezer
A. Geman. Sent down for concurrence.

Dover Street
Bridge.

Agreeably to assignment the
Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of a Superintendent of
Public Buildings, and the votes being counted and counted it
appeared that the whole number was 11. Necessary for a choice 6.
Samuel C. Veltman had 6. John 4. David Bunker 1. So said Vel-
tman was duly elected in concurrence.

Public
Buildings.

An order introduced into the
Common Council for the replacement of the Buoy in Fore Point
channel opposite Basin Wharf was referred to the Committee

Buoy-
Harbor

71. on the Harbor. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Feb. 24, 1863.

Bounty to
Volunteers

Ordered: That the Committee on Volunteers be authorized, with the approval of his Honor, the Mayor, to apply a sum, not exceeding three thousand dollars, out of the appropriations heretofore made, to encourage enlistments in the heavy artillery, stationed in the forts in Boston Harbor, provided that no bounty shall be paid to any one recruit out of this fund, exceeding twenty five dollars, nor shall any payment be made, until the recruit shall have been sworn and mustered into the service of the United States as one of the quota of the City of Boston, and actually placed in service in one of the forts. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and this Board concurred therein. - Approved by the Mayor February 25, 1863.

Committee
Water Board.

The Committee appointed to nominate candidates for the Cochituate Water Board, beg leave to recommend the election of the following named persons, viz: Alderman L. M. Sandich, Councilmen Rufus F. Fitch, George Hinman; At Large - J. B. Butler, Ebenezer Johnson. Respectfully submitted, to the Committee L. M. Sandich, Chairman. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

City
Engineer

The Common Council having elected James Stoddard as City Engineer and action came up for concurrence; and the ballot having been taken and counted for said City Engineer it appeared that the whole number was 11. Nelson for a choice 8. J. B. Knowlton had 7. James Stoddard 11. So said Crafts was elected: this Board thereby non-concurring.

with the Common Council in the choice of said Hude. Sent down for concurrence.

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Institution

It having been announced that Mr. James C. Tucker and Alderman A. A. Tarrant declared to be candidates for the office of Directors for Public Institutions it is ordered that the Committee heretofore appointed to nominate Directors for said Institutions be and the same is hereby revived: with instructions to reconsider said nominations. Passed in Common Council came up for concurrence Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor February 25. 1863

The Committee appointed to nominate Principal and Per Diem Assessors beg leave to recommend the election of the following named persons, viz: For Principal Assessor - Henry Richards, Henry Vincent, Edward S. Robinson, William J. Parrell. For Per Diem Assessors - John Hall, Benjamin F. Sinden, Samuel R. Field, Michael Cumiskey, James C. Holden, Clement Willis, Joseph W. Merriam, John S. Tucker, George Tucker, John M. Wright, George A. Child, Christopher A. Conner, Ezra Harlow. Respectfully submitted, for the Committee, Silas Puce, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence Feb. 26. Came up concurred.

Assessors

Ordered: That five in the whole part of the Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be a committee to consider the expediency of abolishing the Water Board, and that the duties of said Board may be in the hands of a joint Committee of the City Council. Passed in Common Council and Alder: Rich, Tarrant, Tucker, Tighton and Coolidge were appointed on said Committee. Came up for concurrence Read and concurred and Aldermen Norcross, An-

Committee

Water Board

same and said were read. Approved by the Mayor. At. 25. 1863

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Engineers
Fire Dept.

The Committee appointed to nominate Chief and Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department beg leave to nominate the following named persons they constituting the present Board of Engineers viz: Chief Engineer George W. Bird. Assistant Engineers: District 1. Nathaniel H. Platt, 2. John G. Samrall, 3. Charles C. Henry, 4. David Chamberlain, 5. James E. Smith, 6. George Brown, 7. Joseph Dunbar. At Large William A. Green, John W. Regan. Respectfully submitted, to the Committee James E. Spinner Chairman. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence Read and concurred.

Chief
Engineer

The ballots having been taken & counted for a Chief Engineer of the Fire Department it appeared that George W. Bird was chosen. Sent down for concurrence Feb. 26. Came up concurred.

Assistant
Engineers

The ballots having been taken & counted for the Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department, it appeared that the following were chosen - District 1. Nathaniel H. Platt - District 2. John G. Samrall. District No. 3. Charles C. Henry. District No. 4. David Chamberlain. District No. 5. James E. Smith. District No. 6. George Brown. District No. 7. Joseph Dunbar. At Large William A. Green and John W. Regan. Sent down for concurrence. February 26. Came up concurred.

Litrary
Trustees

The ballots having been taken and counted for trustees of the Public Library it appeared that John A. Linn, Henry J. Luke, Edward Everett, George Ticknor, John E. Sigbee, Nathaniel B. Smith, and William H. Greenough were chosen. Sent down for concurrence. February 26. Came up concurred.

The ballots having been
taken and counted by five Consulting Physicians it appeared that
George Hayward, John A. B. Martin, Esq., Samuel A. Gould,
and Charles C. Buckingham concurred. Sent down to concurren-
ce. February 26. Came up concurred.

The order submitted at
the last meeting of the Board to pay Eben B. Phillips eighteen
hundred dollars in land taken to widen Congress Street in 1861,
was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor
February 25. 1863.

Ordered: That there be paid to
John E. Drake for himself and others, the sum of one hundred
and sixty dollars for loss of rent and all other claims occasion-
ed by reason of the removal of the building on the Drake Estate
in pursuance of the widening of Federal Street, between East &
Summer Streets, in the year 1861 upon their giving to the City a
full discharge for all damages and demands accruing in con-
sequence of such widening, and that said sum be charged
to the appropriation for unliquidated claims in laying out and
widening streets. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor,
February 25. 1863.

According to the reports of
the Committee on Licenses there to deal in Second Hand Articles
was granted to the following parties William D. Laughlin 255
Causeway Street. Michael Giffey 275 Causeway Street. East and
Yore 112 Haverhill Street. Edward Barlow corner of Essex & Lincoln
Streets. Samuel Thoms at 63 Salem Street. Tannery and Mahoney
12 Foster Street.

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Herald

On petition of Samuel Atwood to be compensated for damages to his house in Lodi Street, N.Y. in account of imperfect drainage, the committee on Fairs reported a variance of the same to the committee on Claims. Read and accepted, and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. Feb. 26. Came up concurred.

Shawmut
Society

In the petition of the Shawmut Avenue Congregational Society that a grade may be given them to a driveway leading from Center to Rockline Street, the committee on Fairs reported that as arrangements had been made to fix said driveway in action respecting grade was necessary. Read and accepted.

Market
Hall

In relation to the report of the committee on the Market the transfer by said committee of one half his interest in Hall No. 34, New Faneuil Hall Market to H. A. Blossom was approved by the Board.

Blaney

On petition of David H. Blaney and others that Faneuil Street may be widened from North Street to South Street, the committee on Streets reported that as the petition relates to the grade of said street it should be referred to the committee on Fairs. Read, accepted and referred accordingly.

Market
Deputy Supt.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Faneuil Hall Market be and he is hereby authorized to employ one deputy, subject to the approval of the Board to assist him in the discharge of the duties of his office. Read once.

Fair

The Board of Land Commissioners to whom was referred the petition of Foster and Taylor that

the time for the completion of two houses on Lots 24 and 25 Sharon 75
That may be extended, being duly considered the said order would Feb. 24, 1863
recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the commis-
sioner said, Mr. Chairman, Council, that the time for the comple-
tion of two houses numbering twenty-five and twenty-five Sharon
shall be and the same is hereby extended six months from the first
day of March 1863. Read once.

Whereas the Proprietors of the Custom House
Boston for a Long Wharf and the Central Wharf and the
Corporation have conveyed certain land near the United States
Custom House to the City of Boston; and whereas the United States
desire to extend the steps on the westerly side of the said Custom
House over a strip of said land six feet wide on the northerly, westerly
and southerly sides of the said steps, as they are now construct-
ed: therefore, to enable the United States to make the said extension,
Ordered: That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to make
such release or quitclaim deed or deed of conveyance to the U-
nited States of said strip of land, six feet wide, contiguous to the
steps of the said custom house, on the three sides thereof as spe-
cified as he may deem expedient. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the Second day of March, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor

the following persons were appointed and confirmed as Police in this City to fill existing vacancies with all the powers of Constables except the power of serving and executing civil process viz: Edmund M. Cannon, John F. Mullick, L. G. Thompson, Dennis C. Hogan, William Fitzpatrick, Thomas J. Lee, Stephen J. Lee, and Thomas J. Lee.

Fire

Department
Firemen

Agreeably to the recommen-

dation of the Board of Aldermen of the Fire Department the discharge of Charles S. Rodden from Engine Company No. 1 and of George S. Leving from Fire Company No. 1 were confirmed by the Board.

Fire Dept.
Volunteers

Agreeably to the recommenda-

tion of the Mayor the following persons were admitted as members of the Fire Department George A. Finkham Engine Company No. 1, John Sweet's Engine No. 1, Daniel S. Larney, Engine No. 1, Henry L. Grant, Hook and Ladder No. 2, Peter A. Leving, Fireman Engine No. 1, James Chambers, Fireman of Hook and Ladder No. 2, William C. Brown, Fireman Hook and Ladder No. 1, Charles S. Prince, Fireman Hook and Ladder No. 2.

Public

Buildings
Appropriation

Alderman Prince submitted to

the Board the following order. Ordered: That the Committee on Finance inquire and report what disposition has been made of the six hundred and fifty dollars belonging to the City in the hands

of the Superintendent of Public Buildings at the commencement
of the present City Government. The question being on the passage
of this order it was amended on motion of Alderman
Trotter by striking out at the committee on finance and by
inserting a joint special committee. After several motions to a-
mend to lay on the table and indefinitely postpone had been suc-
cessively made and rejected, Alderman Spinney demanded the
yeas and nays on the passage of said order and they were taken
as follows: Yea Aldermen Amey, Clark, Linn, Trotter, Hurd, Paul,
Price, Standish, Stearns, Tyler & Clark. Aldermen Denison, Spinn,
& 2. To said order was passed, and Aldermen Price, Clark and Tyler
were appointed on said committee. Sent down for concurrence.

Elisha Copeland, Auditor of Accounts, submitted to the City Council his Annual Estimates for the
financial year 1863-64. Attest: I have now the honor of ac-
knowledging, in conformity with the requirements of the fifteenth sec-
tion of the Ordinance on Finance, my estimate of the amount
of money which it will be necessary to raise to defray the ex-
penditures of the City and County for the ensuing financial year,
which begins with the first day of May, 1863, and ends with the
last day of April, 1864.

The Estimated expenditures amount to	\$3,573,210.00
The estimated Income, exclusive of taxes, is	826,900.00
Leaving to be provided for by taxation or otherwise,	_____
the sum of	<u>\$2,746,310.00</u>

And three million forty-six thousand three hundred and ten dollars.
I also submit communications which I have received from various
committees and departments of the government, showing the man-

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not in which they propose to use the funds which may be placed
at their disposal. They respectively, were read and approved, & then referred
land, & made of account. In common Council. Referred to the com-
mittee on Finance with leave to the Board of Aldermen meet-
ing with authority to report in joint session for concurrence.
Read and concurred and Aldermen Price, Shundick, Huron and
Paul were joined.

Loans
terms of

Alderman Price submitted to the
Board the following order - Ordered: That, in all future loans agreed
ed by the City, the Committee on Finance make a report to the
City Council of the terms on which they propose to make said loans.
Read and referred to the Committee on the Auditor's Estimates.
Sent down for concurrence.

Loans
payment of

Alderman Price submitted to the
Board the following order - Ordered: That the City Treasurer be au-
thorized to pay all city debt, Principal and interest at maturity
in gold or its equivalent at a premium not exceeding the
rate of premium received by the City on the sale of said debt.
Read and referred to the Committee on the Auditor's Estimates.
Sent down for concurrence.

Bills
to be paid

Ordered: That the following bills
for services rendered or materials furnished by persons connected
directly or indirectly, with the City Government, be paid, provided
they are approved and allowed in the usual manner - viz: John
N. & Hutchinson, six dollars; John W. Howard three hundred
and fifty two dollars and fifty three cents; Linn and Reed,
five dollars and ninety five cents; Granite Mason, fifty six dollars
and twenty five cents and thirty two dollars and fifty five cents; H.
Schubert thirty seven dollars and eighteen cents; J. J. Jones twenty

and eleven dollars and five cents, and nine dollars. Read twice and passed. 77
Sent down for concurrence. March 5. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 7. 1863

Ordered: That the Board of Land Commissioners be instructed before taking measures for the sale of any portion of the Lino in Hospital State on Springfield Street to report to the City Council thereon. Sent down for concurrence. March 5. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 7. 1863

Living-in
Hospital

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the discontinuance of a portion of the public highway adjacent to and around the Custom House - and for the Mayor to deed to the United States Authorities each parcel of land thus discontinued, was read a second time and passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 5. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 7. 1863

Custom
House
Street around

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the extension of time to building on lots numbered 24 and 25 Sharon Street, as prayed for by Foster and Taylor, was read a second time and passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 5. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 7. 1863

Foster

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Finck, William & Co. to be allowed a bill of expenses incurred from their use of wharf privileges during the construction of Albany Street, have considered the same, and heard the petitioners, and beg leave to Report; that in their opinion the petitioners have no claim what ever upon the city, and the committee recommend that they

Finckley

or have to withdraw. For the Committee, C. J. Norcross, Chairman.
March 2. 1863. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. March 5. Came
up concurred.

Harbor
Defences

The Committee on the Harbor who
were directed by an order of the City Council adopted on the 11th
18th ultimo to inquire into and report if the present Harbor De-
fences are sufficient for the protection of the City against any
possible attack by sea, and if not what action it is advisable
for the City Council to take, having considered the subject now
beg leave to report. That they are well satisfied that the present de-
fences are insufficient for the protection of the Harbor and City
against any possible attack by sea. It would require such a fleet
of gun boats as the Harbor and such forces of artillery as might be
sent against the City, by a strong European Government, would
certainly require many more fortifications than now exist. The
Committee suppose, however, that the order was not intended to
lead them into so wide a field of inquiry, as its terms, if rigid-
ly construed, indicate, nor do they suppose that they are called
upon to push their inquiries beyond the question whether the pre-
sent defences are sufficient to protect the City against any attack
the U. S. calling themselves the Confederate States of America may
make attempt. Your Committee have visited Fort Independ-
ence and Warren, and have made inquiries as to the condi-
tion of Fort Mifflin, and the Batteries erecting on Governors Is-
land. The two former have been furnished with Ordnance, some
of it of improved modern construction, and they have been in-
formed that exertions are making to complete the armament of
all these fortifications during the ensuing summer. Heavier
guns are to be substituted for many of those now mounted, and

when this is done the Committee believe that the City will be 81
well protected against any attack by hidden Ships of War. The March 2/1863
possibility of an attempt to run into the Harbor by an iron clad
Vessel, however improbable it may be, should in the opinion
of your Committee be guarded against, by further defensive mea-
sures, and it is understood that Major General Wool, entertains
the same opinion, and will so report to the Government of
the United States. A plan has been suggested by one of our
leading citizens, which appears to be efficient and which will
not require a heavy outlay. The Committee deem it imperi-
ous to state even in outline, what this plan is, as it may
be essentially modified, or wholly superseded by another, but,
whatever may be done, should be done forthwith, and to this
end it is necessary that the cost of proper Harbor Defences should
be borne by the Government of the United States, nor can it be
doubted that whilst we are men among the Nations of the
World, the needed appropriations will be made. The immediate
difficulty is, that Congress is about to adjourn, and it will not
probably assemble again, until after the proposal or some
other defence, ought to be considered. Under these circumstances,
your Committee believe that it is the duty of the Commonwealth
to provide the means at the present session of the General Court,
and they have reason to believe from conversation with lead-
ing members of the Legislature, that an application from this City
Government would receive a favorable consideration. Should the
Commonwealth refuse to furnish the needed funds, your Committee
would recommend an appropriation from the City Treasury, in
preference to suspending immediate action. Believing, however,
that the Commonwealth will, at once, comply with a reasonable

12 a request the Committee recommend the adoption of the following
March 2, 1863. Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to request the Legislature of the Commonwealth that it is the opinion of the City Government, that a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars should be forthwith expended in providing further defences for Boston Harbor, and that he request the Legislature to provide the funds to be hereafter authorized by the Government of the United States. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 5 came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, March 7, 1863.

Nichols

His Honor, the Mayor, transmitted a communication as follows viz: To the Honorable the City Council. Gentlemen: I have the honor to transmit to the City Council a communication from William Atkins Esq the Executor of the Will of the late Lawrence Tenor, of this City. It will be seen in the enclosed from the Will that Mr. Nichols bequeathed the sum of one thousand dollars for the benefit of the City of Boston, and also such further sum as which the City may be entitled, as one of the residuary legacies, on the final settlement of the estate. Mr. Nichols was for many years a well known citizen of Boston; he was a native of France but came here in early life and established himself in business, which he conducted for a long period with great industry and pecuniary success. During his lifetime he was distinguished for more acts of disinterested kindness, was always ready to meet the claims of humanity and to succor the distressed. He was once the recipient of a gold medal from the Massachusetts Marine Society for his personal exertions in rescuing his individual from death in drowning. He was married, in an uneventful way,

the character of a cheerful giver. He continued interest in the 83
City which was for so many years his home, and where he had March 2. 1865
accumulated his property, was shown in his liberal donations to the
different charitable institutions which enjoyed his confidence. I
cannot but express the hope that the first gift since the official re-
organization of our new City Hospital, may be a harbinger of many
others of a similar character. He had endeavored by private benevo-
lence now in some measure alleviate the distress of that class
of patients whose necessities would be wounded if they were
to be considered merely as objects of public charity. If the ex-
ample of Mr. Nichols shall be followed by an wealthy citizen
who are seeking for suitable objects for their bounty, the wish ex-
pressed in one of the reports on the Hospital may be realized
that the funds ministering to so sacred an object as the relief
of the sick and the suffering, should be composed of "olive of
freings." J. M. Lincoln, H. J. Loomis. Read and referred to the Commit-
tee on the City Hospital. Sent down for concurrence. March 5 came
up concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee Nichols
on the City Hospital receive from the Executors of the Will of
the late Laurence Nichols the thousand dollars, as also another
sum therein bequeathed for the Hospital, and pay the same
into the City Treasury; and the City Treasurer shall issue to them
a certificate or certificates thereof, with interest payable at the
rate of six per cent per annum. The said interest to be applied
to the purpose of the Hospital under said Will, and said certifi-
cate or certificates to be lodged with the Auditor. Read twice and
passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 12. Came up concurred.
Approved by the Mayor March 13. 1865.

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Bartlett

Petition of M. Bartlett and

others that the Water Tax on certain Model Houses may be abated. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. March 5. Came up concurred.

Soldiers
families

Ordered: That the Treasurer be and

he is hereby authorized to borrow under the direction of the Committee on Finance the sum of twenty five thousand dollars the same to be appropriated to the payment of allowances to the dependent families of volunteers. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 40. Nays none. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Institutions.

The Committee appointed to nomi-

inate Directors of Institutions are here instructed to reconsider their nomination, have attended to that duty and now beg leave to recommend the election of the following named persons: Alderman Geo. Howard Councilmen, William Butler, David J. Bird, William A. Smith, James Riley, Charles E. Dunn. To fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. A. H. Lincoln, & James A. Dunn. Respectfully submitted to the Committee, James A. Spinney, Chairman. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Hodnett.

Petition of William Hodnett for

abatement of his Water tax for the year 1862. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. March 5. Came up concurred.

City
Engineer

The Common Council having

elected James Bird, City Engineer, in place of M. Henry Crafts who was chosen to that office by this Board and action came up for

concurrence, and the ballots having been taken again for a City Engineer, it appeared that the whole number was 12. Necessary for a choice 7. N. Henry Crafts had 7. James Glade 4. So Mr. Crafts was again elected by this Board. Sent down for concurrence. March 5. Came up concurred.

Previous to the above election a letter was read wherein Mr. Crafts declines to place himself in opposition to Mr. Glade.

The Common Council having elected Michael Scanlan as Superintendent of Lower Street Bridge in place of Abner J. Gaffield who was chosen by this Branch, said action came up for concurrence: and the ballots having been taken and counted for said Superintendent it appeared that the whole number was 12. Necessary for choice 7. Michael Scanlan had 4. Abner J. Gaffield 5. Ebenezer C. Leman 2. Edward A. Smith 1. No choice. The Board having proceeded to a second ballot it appeared that the whole number was 12. Necessary for choice 7. Michael Scanlan had 5. Abner J. Gaffield 6. Ebenezer C. Leman 1. No choice. On motion of Alderman Henshaw, Monday next was assigned for another ballot for Superintendent of Lower Street Bridge.

The ballots having been taken & counted for four Principal Assessors it appeared that the whole number was 12. J. Henry (Richards) had 12. James Gargant 11. Edwin S. Winsor 9. George Jackson 7. John S. Richardson 5. William L. Bartlett 4. So said Richards, Gargant, Winsor and Jackson were elected by this Board. Sent down for concurrence. March 5. Came up concurred.

March 2, 1863
Institution

The ballots having been taken and counted for Directors of Public Institution it appeared that the following persons were duly elected. From Board of Aldermen (Ct's) Norcross From common Council Lewis G. Bird, Channville Meers. At Large Messrs Kimball, James Rice To fill vacancy James A. Gunnels. There still being one vacancy in said Board among the members to be chosen at large, the further balloting was assigned for Monday next.

Market
Deputy Sup

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board authorizing the Superintendent of Finance to employ one Deputy to assist him at the Market was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor March 4, 1863.

Market
Laws

Ordered: That the Committee on the Market report and they are hereby authorized to lease to S. W. Brown 10th and to William A. Reed, occupants of Lots 24-25, two feet wide front Market a portion of the passageway opposite said lots which is not required for public use not exceeding two feet in width said parties paying for the same at the rate of two hundred and nineteen th no cents per annum. Approved by the Mayor March 4, 1863.

order of Police
Board

The Board of John Hutz, Chief of Police in the police room of Mr. Howard Davis was approved by the Board.

S. Street
Sidewalks

The Superintendent of Streets reported to the Board a list of persons owning estates on S. Street where the city constructed sidewalks, and the amounts for which they are indebted to the city. Read and thereupon ordered that said amounts amounting to \$286.38 be collected pursuant to law.

The Assessors submitted 87.

to the Board a list of abatements of taxes for the year 1862, also a list of the persons and corporations who were taxed on \$10,000 and upwards in this city in 1860. Read and 800 copies of the latter ordered to be printed. March 2, 1863 Taxes

According to the report of the Committee on Licenses the following persons were appointed a dual in Second Hand Articles. Michael Lee 26 Lincoln Street. Dennis Sullivan 403 Broad Street. John German 145 Congress Street. Second Hand Articles

Leave was granted to Mrs. Corina A. Wing to keep an Intelligence Office in West Street. Intelligence Office.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the Fifth day of March, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Denio.

Four Grand and two Petit Jurors chosen for the United States District Court. Twelve traverse Jurors chosen for the Superior Criminal Court. Jurors

On nomination by the Mayor

March 9, 1863
Karl's Cove

the following persons were appointed and confirmed as assessors
at Karl's Cove viz Timothy White George John Seward
& C. H. B. Everett William Smith David E. Kim, Arthur S. Kim
and Ignatius A. Kelly.

Unstable

On nomination by the Mayor,
James R. Baker, and Michael McLaughlin were appointed constables
of this city.

Land

Petition of David Shaw to be paid
for land taken to widen Washington Street. Referred to the Committee
on Street.

Locksamy

Petition of Abijah R. Locksamy, Esq
to have to remove and set granite from Winthrop Church
Referred to the committee on the matter on the part of the Board
of Aldermen.

Street

Franklin

Petition of Daniel Preen, Frederick
ick Sweden, and John E. E. Seward for permission to undertake
the streets of this city. Referred to the Committee on Internal
Health.

Shawmut

Shawmut
Congregational
Church

Petition of the Shawmut Congregational
Church for leave to erect a Sunday school on their
church land without paying anything additional in respect
to the land to be used as a playground. Referred in common
Council to the Board of Land Commissioners with full powers.
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Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with this amendment,
at A, Make out "with full powers". Sent down for concurrence.
March 12. Came up concurred.

com. Council

where

Ordered: That the Superintendent
of Public Buildings be instructed to have the plans and drawings
of the same.

and the order of the Common Council was read in a similar manner to the first order in order to avoid the disturbance occasioned in passing over the same. Read in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 10. 1863.

Agreeably to assignment the Board took up the subject of the election of a Superintendent of Lower Street Bridge, and the ballot having been taken and counted it appeared that the whole number was 11. Necessary for a choice 6. Isaac J. Gaffield had 4, Michael Scanlon 5, Eben C. Leman 2. No choice. Another ballot was taken as follows. Whole number 11. Necessary for a choice 6. Isaac J. Gaffield had 6, Michael Scanlon 4, Edward H. Smith 1. So said Gaffield was chosen. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That the Mayor and Aldermen be and they are hereby authorized to restrain the sale, by minors of Fancy Goods, Toys or Merchandise, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter Fifty of the General Statutes. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 12 Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 13. 1863.

Ordered: That Aldermen Kimball and Stevens with such as the Common Council may join be a Committee to nominate Ballast Inspectors. Sent down for concurrence. March 12. Came up concurred, and Denis Adams, Woodbury and Keany were joined. Approved by the Mayor March 13. 1863.

Petition of Elepherd Baker holder of a lot of land described in a bond to Charles Wilkins dated

90 January 1. 1851 may be made to the petitioner upon payment
of balance due thereon. Report in Common Council to
the Board of Land Commissioners. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred.

Institution

Director

Specialty to assignment the
Board took up the subject of the election of one member at
large to complete the Board of Directors of Public Institutions, and the
roll being taken and counted for said Director, it appeared the
whole number of ballots was 16. Thomas Pickens 6. John L. Allen
had 6. Abel B. Munroe 4. So said Bailey was elected and with
the members elected on the second instant, said action was sent
down for concurrence.

Appropriation

The Auditor of Accounts reported
that additions will be needed to the appropriations for Stamps, Post,
and Schools. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent
down for concurrence. March 12. Came up concurred.

Question

Answer

Alderman Spinnery submitted to
the Board an interesting order. Ordered: That the Committee on
the Eastern Avenue be authorized to draw from the City Treasury
an sufficient sum of money to defray their expenses on an ex-
plicit visit to Washington provided they shall deem such a visit
necessary. The question being on the passage of said order, it was
amended on motion of Alderman Tyler by inserting at its dis-
closure from the Committee on the Eastern Avenue. Said order
as amended was then adopted. Sent down for concurrence. March
12. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 13. 1863.

Agreeably to assignment the 91.

Board proceeded to ballot for the choice of Auditors for 1863. and the ballots having been taken and counted, it appeared that John Hall, Michael Cummings, Thomas R. Holden, Clement Pittier, Joseph H. Merriam, John A. Barker, Christopher J. Vinton, John S. Shaw, Joseph Hamilton, John P. Robins, John L. Law, and William S. Smith were chosen and there was one vacancy, which the Board voted to fill on Monday next.

Ordered: That the special rules and Regulations for the government of the Boston Police in a new draft marked A. Seventh submitted, be adopted. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Board. March 11. 1863.

Whereas, in the opinion of the Board, acting as the Board of Health, the practice of transporting dead horses, boiled bones and decayed meat, through the streets of the city, and the deposit of such material on any wharf for the purpose of shipment therefrom, under the name of scrap, is so prejudicial as to prevent the escape of the effluvia therefrom, is a nuisance, and is injurious to the health and comfort of the citizens, it is, therefore, Ordered: That hereafter no dead horses, and no boiled or unboiled bones, and no boiled flesh to be used for the purpose of manufacture, shall be transported through any of the streets of this city, unless such dead horses are carried in a close-covered vehicle, and such bones are dry and covered with canvas, or other material, so as to protect them from wet or moisture during such transportation, and such boiled flesh is secured in tight and close covered vessels, nor unless such vehicle and canvas or other covering and vessels shall be approved.

12 to committee of the Board of Aldermen on Internal Health. Ordered:
March 11. 1862. That no dead horse, or the bones or flesh thereof, or the bones or
flesh of any other animals designed for the purposes of man-
ufacture, shall be deposited or kept on any wharf, or in any other
place in the city of Boston, unless the same are deposited and
kept in buildings which are deemed proper for the purpose by the
committee of the Board of Aldermen on Internal Health; and
whenever the said committee shall declare any building used
for the purpose aforesaid to be insufficient therefore, no such horse,
or bones or flesh, shall be carried or kept therein, until said build-
ing shall be made satisfactory to said committee. Ordered: That
the order of this Board, passed on the fourth day of November, A.
D. 1862, prohibiting the transportation through any of the streets,
and a alley, of said B. B. in this city, of any dead horse,
and a untried horse, a decayed meat, and the deposit there-
of on and shipment from said wharf, so called, be and the same
is hereby rescinded.

The List of Jurors qualified to
serve in the several courts of the County of Suffolk having
been revised by the Board of Aldermen and having been
posted up for more than ten days in the Court House and City
Hall was voted to be transmitted to the Common Council for
revision and acceptance. March 12. Came up concurred.

The Common Council having
elected John T. Gardner as Harbor Master, said action came up
for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Agreeably to the report of the

Committee on Licenses leave was granted to O. K. Wheelock to keep
an intelligence office at 23 Fulton Street.

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March 9, 1863

Second Annual

Articles

Leave was granted to
Albion B. Brown to sell Second Hand Articles to the 25th house-
way street to Lizette Bennett at 121 West Street; to James Collins
at 43 Bond Street.

The committee on Laying

Lindall

Street

Out and Widening Street, having in charge the widening of
Lindall Street, respectfully report, that the matter of widening
this street has been pending for several years, great delay hav-
ing occurred in consequence of the unwillingness of the owner of
the whole to accept what seemed to the committee to be a
proper compensation for the land taken. It was, however, resolved by
the city council of 1861 that the widening should take place and
the claims of the owner of the property were adjusted and paid.
The building was cut off in 1862, and by agreement between the
city and Miss Maria Spear, for the owners the assessment of the
value of the land taken was confided to three referees. These referees
have heard the matter and awarded \$17,000, which sum includes
the purchase price. The appropriation of the current financial year
for widening streets being nearly exhausted, it will be necessary to
call therefor before the expense of the Lindall Street widening can
be paid; and the committee recommend the passage of the ac-
companying order. In the Committee Elias Prince, Chairman. Edward
That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow, under
the direction of the Committee on Finance, the sum of twenty
five thousand dollars, to be added to the appropriation for laying
out and widening streets; seventeen thousand six hundred and sixty-
six dollars thereof being for the payment of the award of a special

Loan

44. on the Lindail Street widening. Read once.

March 9, 1863.

Health.

The Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred so much of the City Charter as relates to the modification of the medical division of the Interior Health Department, have considered the same, and beg leave to recommend the passage of the accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee, Thomas C. Amory, Jr. Chairman. (City Document 24.) Read once.

Street.

The Committee on Ordinances, having in charge the revision of the Ordinances, respectfully recommend certain amendments to the Ordinance relating to Streets, to the passage of the accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee, Thomas C. Amory, Jr. Chairman. (City Document 25.) Read once.

City

of

Department.

The Committee on Ordinances, who were directed to inquire into the expediency of appointing a joint standing committee on the Engineering Department, have attended to that duty, and being of opinion that such a committee should be appointed, recommend the passage of the accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee, Thomas C. Amory, Jr., Chairman. (City Document 26.) Read once.

Common,

Water Garden &

Emm.

City

The Committee on Ordinances, who were directed to consider the expediency of creating by ordinance the office of City Engineer, have attended to that duty, and being of opinion that such an office should be created, beg leave to recommend the passage of the accompanying Ordinance. For the Committee, Thomas C. Amory, Jr. Chairman. (City Document 27.) Read once.

tion is whom was referred the request of the School Committee, that the Walls and Ceiling of the New Hall of the English High School Building, be decorated with ornamental paintings in the manner of the Old Hall, and at an expense equal to the amount spent in said decorations of the Old Hall by the Association of the Alumni of said School. Having considered the subject, we are of opinion that the ornamental paintings referred to, existing in the Old Hall, were necessarily destroyed by the act of pulling an additional story upon the building in order to afford the room required for the School. That it appears to your Committee perfectly right and proper that the decorations thus destroyed by the Authorities of the City, should be replaced at the expense of the City. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying order. By order of the Committee, John S. Van, Chairman. Resolved: That the Committee on Public Buildings be authorized and directed to expend a sum equal to that expended by the Association of the Alumni of the English High School, in decorating the walls and ceilings of the Old Hall, for the purpose of decorating in like manner the New Hall in said English High School Building: and that said Committee be authorized to confer with the School Committee of the District, and with the Committee on Public Instruction, as to the manner in which this order shall be executed. Read once.

March 4, 1873.
English
High School

The Committee on the Free

City Hospital having, in connection with the Committee on Public Buildings, the charge of constructing the Hospital Building have under consideration a report that the appropriations indicated

City
Hospital

made for the erection of the Hospital amount to \$200,000. The contracts already entered into for the completion of the mechanical work of the central building, two pavilions, and the engine and boiler house. The construction of the heating apparatus, and the gutting and finishing of the rooms, and the erection of out-ward buildings, and house-sheds, should be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. To do this an appropriation will be necessary, and the committee respectfully ask for fifty thousand dollars. This sum, they are confident, will cover all the expenditures requisite to put the Hospital in complete working order. For the committee, Thomas C. Amory, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to borrow, under the direction of the committee on Finance, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, the same to be added to the appropriations for the Free City Hospital. Read once.

Loan

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board 97.

of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at the City Hall on Monday
the sixteenth day of March, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Peirce.

Petition of Charles A. Loring &

Loring.

that a suitable instructor be provided for the youth con-
fined in the Jail. Referred to the Committee on the Jail.

Petition of James Russell

Russell.

for license as a Pawnbroker at No. 6. Warren Square. Referred to
the Committee on Licenses.

The Bond of James W. Pickett,

Constable

a constable, having been approved by the City Council are also
approved by the Board. Approved by the Mayor March 17. 1863.

bond

Alderman Amory submitted

Police

to the Board the following amendment to the Police rules and
regulations. 1. The Committee on Police shall have a general
superintendence of all property belonging to the City used by
the Police Department and shall have power under direction
of the Mayor to authorize the sale or exchange thereof when
in their judgment expedient, and within the limits of the ap-
propriations made for the same to authorize the purchase of
what is needed therefor. 3. All property that shall remain in
the custody of the Police Department, whether taken from prison
or a foundry for the period of six months without any lawful
claimant thereof, after having been three times advertised in public

rules

48. newspapers, shall be sold at public auction upon order of the
Mayor and the proceeds of such sale be paid into the City Treasury.
The words "Committee on Police" shall be substituted for the words
of "Aldermen" on page twenty-two. Read twice and passed. Approved
by the Mayor March 17. 1863.

City

Hospital

The report and order submitted at
the last meeting of the Board for the Treasurer to know the sum of
the Board's salary to be paid to the appropriation for the City
Hospital, were read a second time and passed. Yeas Aldermen
Amey, Clark, Levi, Vanhook, Tracy, J. Allen, Paul, Spinnay, etc.
and 11 Ayes none. and done for concurrence.
March 26. came up concurred. Yea 20. Ayes none. Approved by
the Mayor March 28. 1863.

Buildings

Snow & Ice

Ordered: That the Committee on
Ordinances consider the expediency of enacting by ordinance
that some paper shall be paid in the roof of buildings
to prevent the fall of snow and ice therefrom. Read in Common
Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved
by the Mayor March 17. 1863.

Police

Ordinance.

An Ordinance in addition to an
Ordinance on the Police (being City Doc. 31) having been passed
by the Common Council with these amendments in Section 1.
"Strike out 'needful and' also 'and precedence' also strike out
they shall vacate the same" and insert "vacated" after "resig-
nation or" insert "until they" also strike out "be subject to" & insert
"payable" and insert "by the said" and be subject to all the
same up for concurrence. Read and the Board concurred there-
in. Approved by the Mayor March 17. 1863.

The Common Council having
ing elected Michael Scanlan as Superintendent of the Dover Street
Bridge, thereby non-concurring with this Board in its choice of Amos
J. Gaffield to said office, said action came up for concurrence. Read
and the election was postponed to Monday next.

19.

March 16, 1863.

Dover Street
Bridge.

The Common Council having
concurred with this Board in the election of Granville Mearns, Moses
Kimball, James Riley, Joseph T. Bailey and Amos A. Gannett as Di-
rectors for Public Institutions for the terms designated to them re-
spectively and having also elected Alderman Joseph L. Henshaw &
Councilman George H. Sprague as Directors in place of Eli Henshaw &
Lewis J. Bird chosen by this Board. said action came up for con-
currence: and the ballots having been taken and counted for two
Directors as aforesaid, it appeared that Joseph L. Henshaw and
George H. Sprague were duly elected in concurrence.

Instituted
Directors

The Committee on the Fire
Department respectfully report, that the increase of salaries of
members of the Fire Department, during the past year, having
been unprovided for when the appropriations were made for the
financial year ending April 30, 1863, the Committee find it will
be impossible, with the present means, to liquidate the claims
against the Department, and respectfully ask that two thousand
dollars be added to the appropriation. For the Committee. Samuel R.
Spinney, Chairman. Read and referred to the Committee on Fi-
nance. Sent down for concurrence. March 19. Came up concurred.

Fire
Department

March 10, 1863

Assessors

In sum

The ballots having been taken and counted for one In sum Assessor to fill the existing vacancy in the list it appeared that Benjamin Fessenden was chosen and the election of said Fessenden and of the persons chosen as In sum Assessors at the last meeting of the Board was sent down for concurrence.

Aurora

Aurora

On motion of Alderman Norcross the subject of the election of a Aurora Assessor was taken from the table and the ballots having been taken and counted for such officer, it appeared that John T. Gardner was chosen in concurrence.

English High School

The report and order from the Committee on Public Instruction which were submitted to the Board at its last meeting in favor of decorating the walls of the English High School were read a second time and passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 19. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor March 21. 1863.

Dinner to School

Committee

Board

Request from the School Committee in favor of some improvement in access and accommodation at the Primary School Building in Burnside Ward, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Instruction. Sent down for concurrence. March 19. Came up concurred.

City
Hospital
Trustee
 resign

A letter from Andrew Barney resigning his position as a trustee of the City Hospital came up from the Common Council. Read and referred to Aldermen Norcross and Paul with such as the Common Council may join to report a candidate to fill said vacancy. Sent down for concurrence. March 19. Came up concurred and Messrs Worthington, Paulice and

Stooney were joined. Approved by the Mayor March 28. 1863.

101.

March 16. 1863.

The Committee on Lamps.

Lamps

appropriation.

Bell and Cook, two have respectfully to represent that the appropriation for Lamps for the current financial year, which was not of so large amount as asked for by the Committee, is now nearly exhausted and owing to the large increased price of fuel and oil, a further sum of nearly twenty thousand dollars will be required to meet the demands against the department during the remainder of the year; and the Committee respectfully ask for an increase of the appropriation to that amount. In the Committee, E. A. Smith, Chairman. Read and agreed to by the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. March 14. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Boston Vol.

Evans

House.

unlaid who were ordered to consider and report upon the expediency of relinquishing to Mr. William Evans, the use of his house in Belmont Street which has been occupied by Mrs. Garrison Gray & assistants, under the direction of the City Council, for military purposes; and also to report upon the expediency of providing accommodations elsewhere for the objects stated. Having attended to the duty assigned them now report. 1. That Mr. William Evans, is absent from the country, but his agents here desire the possession of the Estate, unless the City will hire the same for one or more years at a rent of six thousand dollars per annum, the City paying the Taxes & Rates. 2. That the great benefits derived from the Institution under the able and judicious management of Mrs. Otis, render it highly expedient that it be continued for the present certainly, and probably so long as the war shall last.

102. 3. That the space actually required for the accommodation of
March 16. 1863 the establishment is only equal to one of the flats or stories
of the Evans House, & that it is not expedient in the opinion
of the committee to hire the whole of that house at the rent
required. 4. That it is expedient to provide accommodations elsewhere,
which should be if practicable somewhere in the vicinity of the Ev-
ans House. The Committee recommend the adoption of the follow-
ing order. John S. Allen, Chairman. Ordered: That the committee
on Boston Volunteers be authorized to contract, in behalf of the
city for the hire of suitable room for the accommodation of the Sene-
tary's committee, & soldiers who shall be accommodated at the Evans
House by the liberality of its proprietor William Evans Esquire, under
the superintendence of the Surgeon General; the expense to be charg-
ed to the appropriation for War Expenses. Read twice and passed. Sent
down for concurrence. March 14. Same up concurred. Approved by
the Mayor March 21. 1863.

Engineers
Department.

The Ordinance submitted at the
last meeting of the Board in favor of the appointment of a distin-
guished committee on the City Engineer's Department was read a
second time and passed with this amendment in Section 1. Strike
out 'In the month of January in each year there shall be ap-
pointed and insert there shall be appointed forthwith and
that appointed in the month of January in each year. Sent down
for concurrence. March 14. Same up concurred. Approved by the Mayor
March 21. 1863.

City
Registrar.

The City Registrar submitted to
the Board his annual report of the Births, marriages & Deaths
in this city during the year 1862. Laid on the table and order-
ed to be printed.

minutes submitted to the Board their 5th Report on the condition of the inner Harbor, and especially the South Boston shore. Said minutes on the table and ordered to be printed.

Ordered: That the City Messenger cause to be re-printed such previous reports of the United States Commissioners on Boston Harbor as may be needed to complete the series.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses, Edward A. Tolson was licensed as a Pawnbroker at 120 Kneeland Street.

The report and order submitted at the last meeting of the Board in favor of a loan of twenty-five thousand dollars to the use of the Committee on Streets to pay for the widening of Spindall Street &c, were read a second time and were laid on the table.

The ordinance in relation to the Public Health and defining the duties of the City Physician, which was submitted to the Board at its last meeting was read a second time and laid on the table.

The ordinance in addition to an ordinance in relation to Streets which was submitted to the Board at its last meeting, was read a second time and was amended by striking out at the close of Section 6, "while actually in use with a person or persons by the same" and inserting "while in use by one person or persons actually attending the same". The ordinance was then laid on the table.

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Harbor

Harbor Reports
to print.

Commissioner

Spindall
Street.Health
Ordinance.Street
Ordinance.

March 10 1800
Common,
London, Square.

Assistant

James

The Ordinance relating to
the Common, Public House and Public Square, which was sub-
mitted to the Board at its last meeting was read a second time
and laid on the table.

The Common Council having
elected the following persons as Assistant Members viz: Ward 1. Simon
P. Taylor, Michael Curran. Ward 2. David Cole, James Mear, Gilbert
E. Fox, John Thurnham. Ward 3. Edward May, John C. Gordon. Ward
4. J. G. Smith, David J. Fox. Ward 5. John L. Fox. Ward 6. John
Thurman, John James. Ward 7. Samuel Fox, William S. Butler.
Ward 8. Thomas Fox, Patrick Fox. Ward 9. George Fox, William
Fox. Ward 10. Thomas Fox, John Fox. Ward 11. John Fox, John Fox.
Ward 12. Samuel C. Demarest, Francis James, William C. Jenkins
and Warren Cobb. Said action came up for concurrence. Read and
Monday next was assigned for choice on part of this Board.

School
Committee
vacancy

Notice was received from the
School Committee of the existence of a vacancy in that body caused
by the resignation of Thomas L. Demarest of Ward 2. and proposing
a convention of said School Committee with this Board on Monday
March 10th at 10 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of filling said vacancy
for the remainder of this Municipal Year: Read and thereupon a
message was ordered to be transmitted to the School Committee stat-
ing that this Board concurs in said proposition.

De Lisney
license
revoked.

Ordered: That the license gran-
ted to Charles De Lisney to exhibit curiosities at the corner of Murray
and Blackstone Streets be and the same hereby is revoked.

Ordered: That the license
granted to Samuel Bock to deal in Second Hand Articles at N^o
18 1/2 Salem Street be and the same is hereby revoked.

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Bock

license revoked.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-
men of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Monday
the twenty third day of March, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Thirty five traverse jurors drawn
for the Supreme Judicial Court.

jurors

Petition of Peter Nugent for leave
to deal in Second Hand Articles at N^o 12 Merrimac Street. Referred to
the Committee on Licenses.

Nugent.

Petition of John & William R.
Cowanagh to be paid the balance of money due five hundred
dollars on their contract with the city to raise certain houses in
Tilton Street. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Cowanagh

Petition of Boston Society of
Natural History that the city would pay the cost of a suitable
fence or enclosure of their grounds in this city. Referred to the
Committee on the Common &c.

Boston Society
of Natural
History.

March 22, 1863
Dyer.

Petition of B. B. Dyer for ap-
pointment as an Auctioneer of this City. Referred to the Committee
on Licenses.

On notice
bond.

The Bond of Michael M. Spaulding
on having been approved by the City Council was approved by
the Court of Sessions. Approved by the Mayor March 24, 1863.

Police Rules
amended.

Ordered: That the 110th Section
of the Police Rules as printed on page 119 be amended so that
no out pay will not be allowed for more than ten days and
such advance will be limited in the monthly pay and in
all pay will be allowed for three days upon the voucher of the
Captain and for ten days and never more when certified to by the
captain or the City Engineer. Read twice and passed. Approved by
the Mayor March 24, 1863.

Bates

Petition of Mary Bates, Minis-
traher, to be relieved from the obligation of a contract made
by her husband John Bates to do all the painting required
on the City Hospital. In Common Council referred to the Commit-
tee on Public Buildings with full power. Come up for concurrence.
Read and concurred.

Mount Hope
Cemetery

The Committee on Ordinances, who
were directed to consider the expediency of amending the Ordin-
ance relating to Mount Hope Cemetery, do give some portion of
the City Council a more immediate connection in the management
of said Cemetery, respectfully recommend the passage of the accompa-
nying Ordinance. In the Committee Thomas C. May is Chairman.
Read in Common Council. Come up for concurrence. And concurred.
Approved by the Mayor March 24, 1863. See Book of Ordinances.

The Committee on Ordinances, 107.

who were directed to consider the expediency of requiring by ordinance that some proper guard shall be placed on the roof of building to prevent the fall of snow and ice thereon, have attended to that duty, and respectfully report that in their opinion such legislation is inexpedient. In the committee, Thomas L. Smith, Chairman. In Common Council Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

March 23, 1863

Law

Guard

The Committee on Finance,

Appropriations

having duly considered the auditor's communication of the ninth instant relating to additional appropriations, respectfully report, in part, by recommending to the City Council the passage of the annexed order authorizing a transfer. In the committee W. H. Lincoln, Chairman. Ordered: That the auditor & accounts be hereby authorized to make the following transfer of appropriations, - add to Grammar School, seven thousand dollars; to instructors of Grammar School, twelve five hundred dollars; to instructors of Primary Schools, twenty-five hundred dollars: by withdrawing these amounts from the appropriation in Article 12. In Common Council. Passed. Yeas 44. Nays, none. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas 44. Nays, none. Approved by the Mayor March 24, 1863.

The Committee appointed to

Water

consider the expediency of obtaining the Water Board, beg leave to Report: That after several interviews with members of the Board and the Water Registrar, the Committee are unanimous of the opinion that the interests of the City do not require the abo-

Board.

108 tion of the Water Board at the present time. They are, however,

March 23 1863 at unanimous in the opinion that as the Board is expensive and the convenience of the public require some changes in the present system of conducting the business of the Water departments, and are pleased to say they have found on the part of the Board a willingness to accept the views of the committee. An ordinance requires the action of the members of the Water Board prior to April, which is close at hand and under the circumstances, the committee recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance to the committee, (The Board's ordinance.) Ordained. That a committee, to consist of four Aldermen and such as the Common Council may join, be appointed to confer with the Water Board in regard to continuing as now conducted the office occupied by them and the Water Registrar, and such other changes as may be deemed expedient. Read, accepted and the order passed and Aldermen Knap and Henshaw were appointed on said committee. Sent down for concurrence. March 26 came up concurred and Messrs. Hadsworth, Conway, and Corbridge were joined. Approved by the Mayor. March 28. 1863.

Engineer's
Department.

Ordered: That Aldermen Price and Stenrich with such as the Common Council may join constitute the Joint Standing Committee on the Engineer's Department. Sent down for concurrence. March 26. came up concurred & Messrs. Hadsworth, Davies and Ryan were joined.

Street
Improvements

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances consider the expediency of providing that persons shall be liable to fine when obstructing the free passage of a street travelled a shorter period than twenty minutes or than five after being ordered by the Mayor or any Police Officer to move on: and also for leaving horses and vehicles in the streets and

land for a shorter time than five minutes without some person
to take care of the same, or more than twenty minutes in other cases ex-
cept that of physicians while visiting the sick. Sent down for con-
currence.

(On motion of Alderman Am-
ory the Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance in relation to
the Public Health, which was laid upon the table at the last meet-
ing, being City Doc. 24, was taken up, and a new Ordinance in rela-
tion to the same subject, being City Doc. 39, was substituted therefor
and was passed. Sent down for concurrence. March 26. Came up con-
curred. Approved by the Mayor March 28, 1863, see Ordinance re-
corded in the Book of Ordinances).

The report and order, which
were laid on the table at the last meeting of the Board, in favor
of authorizing a loan of twenty-five thousand dollars to pay for
the widening of Linden Street and for other street alterations
were taken from the table, and were passed. Yeas Aldermen Amory
Clark, Lenic, Sherman, March, Smith, Paul, Rice, Spinner, Lind-
in, Burns, and Tyler 12. Nays none. Sent down for concurrence. April 3.
Came up concurred. Yeas 42. Nays none. Approved by the Mayor, April
6, 1863.

The Common Council having
decided as Per Diem Messrs. John Hall, Benjamin F. Holden, Ezra
G. Sumblin, Michael Cummings, James C. Holden, Clement Hill
W., Joseph W. Merriam, Joseph G. Sew, Joseph E. Smith, Christopher
A. Conner, and Ezra Furber in concurrence with this Board and
having also elected Samuel C. Field and John M. Wright, for
Per Diem Messrs. in place of Joseph Pettin and William L. Bartlett
chosen by this Board, said action came up for concurrence. Read

March 23, 1903 The and Monday next was assigned for a choice of two Per Litem A. J. J. by this Board.

Assistant

Master

The subject of the election of Assistant Assessors was also taken up and Monday next assigned for choice.

Over Street

Bridge Supt.

An application by Henry Emerson for appointment as Superintendent of Over Street Bridge was read and the Board having voted to proceed to the choice of said Superintendent it appeared that the whole number of ballots was 12. Henry Emerson for a choice 7. Michael Scanlon 1. Henry J. Gaffield 4. Edward L. Smith 1. Richard N. Gould 1. No choice. A second ballot exhibited the following result. Whole number 12. Henry Emerson for a choice 7. Michael Scanlon 1. Henry J. Gaffield 5. George C. Simon 1. No choice. A third ballot exhibited the following result. Whole number 12. Henry Emerson for a choice 7. Henry J. Gaffield 1. Michael Scanlon 5. Richard N. Gould 1. No choice. Further ballottings were then postponed to Monday next.

Firemen

pay of

Ordered: That the Committee on Salaries be instructed to frame the Salary Bill for the current year so that the salaries of Enginemen of the Fire Department shall be increased from sixty dollars per month to seventy-five dollars per month and the salaries of Firemen and Drivers from fifty dollars per month to sixty dollars per month. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and on motion of Alderman Norcross laid on the table.

Sunday

Law

The Committee on Police to whom was referred the petition of Mark Salom and 1362 others that the law against Sunday trading practiced in this city by the selling of strong and intoxicating drinks, would.

Report: That notices were two weeks ago issued by the Mayor to all persons who had been in the habit of keeping their dogs of March 23, 1863 on for such length on the streets to have them cleared as required by law, and several persons who paid no heed to said notice and persisted in disobeying the law have been since prosecuted on complaint in the Police Court. It was given to understand to the Mayor that new violation of the law will be hereafter reported and prosecuted, and that consequently no further action is required. In the Committee, Thomas C. May, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted.

Notice was received from the Common Council that a vacancy existed in that branch occasioned by the resignation of John C. Tucker of Ward 2. Read and thereupon Ordered: That warrants be issued for meetings of the legal voters of this City in their respective Wards on Monday, the sixth day of April next at eleven o'clock, A.M. then and there to give in their ballots for or against the ratification of a proposed article of amendment to the Constitution of this State adopted by the Legislature of 1862 and 1863 and submitted to the people pursuant to a Resolve passed February 20, 1863. It was also ordered, that the legal voters of Ward No. 3 be called upon at the same time to give in their ballots for a Member of the Common Council from said Ward in place of John C. Tucker, resigned. The Polls to be kept open until four o'clock, P.M.

Ordered: That the Committee on Police and Finance consider the expediency of reorganizing the license system.

Ordered: That there be paid to Thomas Richardson the sum of two hundred and twenty eight

Warrants
for Ward
meetings.

License
system.

Richardson

112. \$1000 and upwards in full compensation for any and all
claims for damages to the water dividing on Federal Street formerly
known as the Burn and New York streets, and said Sept, caused by
a change of grade of said Federal Street upon his premises situate
in the said State to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and upon
his giving a receipt discharging all claims of whatever nature
he may have against the City in consequence of the change of grade of
said Federal Street so far as the said change of grade affects
the whole of said lot. That the order passed January second
appearing in the Iowa Journal 28. 1863, in favor said Richardson
be and the same thereby is rescinded. Read once.

Illinoi.

Alderman Amory submitted to
the Board a series of Rules and Regulations for the government
and license of Minors, as follows: That no person under the
age of twenty one years, shall be allowed to sell or exchange home
in the city of Chicago any fruits or provisions whatever live ani-
mals, tools, agricultural implements, fuel, newspapers, books or
pamphlets, agricultural products of the United States, the products
of his own labor or any labor of his own family, without license
from the Board of Aldermen, in accordance with an Act of the
Legislature of this Commonwealth, passed April 10. 1846, entitled, an
Act concerning Minors and Minors. That no minor shall be li-
censed except upon the application of his parent, guardian, or next
friend, which shall be endorsed by the Court of Sessions of the dis-
trict in which said minor resides. That no minor shall be li-
censed (except by a special vote of this Board) unless he shall
have attended school at least seven weeks in the twelve months
next preceding, in the manner provided for in Section 1, chap. 112 of

the General Statutes. That all licenses shall specify the articles 113
to be sold, and the time and place of selling them. That any viola- March 23, 1863
tion of the laws of the State, the Ordinances of the City, or of any
special conditions inserted in the certificate of license shall operate
as a revocation of said license, the same to be annulled on proof to this
Board. The officer charged with the superintendence of licensed mi-
nors shall keep an alphabetical record of such minors, con-
taining their names, ages, residences, stations, &c., with such other
particulars as may be useful. Ordered, That all licenses granted
to minors for the sale of any fruits or provisions whatever, live ani-
mals, tools, agricultural implements, fuel, newspapers, books or
pamphlets, agricultural products of the United States, the products
of his own labor, or any labor of his own family, to which li-
censes are by law required to be granted by this Board, shall
be granted upon the following terms and conditions, which shall
be inserted in the certificate, with such other conditions and
regulations as this Board may deem expedient, viz: 1. That each
minor licensed by the Board of Aldermen shall at all times when
on the stand, wear a badge upon his hat or cap with the word
"Licensed," in polished letters, fastened thereon. 2. That no minor
so licensed, shall sell any articles for which he may be licensed,
at any other time, or in any other place, than that mentioned in
his license. 3. That minors so licensed shall not, during the hours
mentioned in their licenses, converse together make any loud
noise, or in any other way disturb or annoy people as they pass.
4. That all licenses granted shall be for a definite period, and
are licenses which are not for a shorter period, shall terminate
at the expiration of the municipal year on the first day of Janu-
ary, in each successive year, and all licenses which are not ex-

114. passed for a shorter period, shall extend to the close of the month
March 23 1863. That the fee of such license shall be paid for each license. 2. And
no person shall be licensed to sell or dispose of any article of the kind
shall offer to sell or dispose of any article of the kind after notice
from the Chief of Police to discontinue such sale. 3. That the viola-
tion of the provisions of the Act, the Ordinances of the city, or the terms
of any condition herein prescribed, shall constitute a violation of
this license to be annulled upon proof of the same to this Board.
4. That each person so licensed shall carry the same with him
and present the same to any officer of the city for inspection when
required to do so, and the same shall not be transferred, borrowed,
loaned or lent, on pain of forfeiture thereof. Read once.

Soldiers
Council.

Ordered: That the City Clerk be
authorized to employ a competent clerk to prepare a list of all
the soldiers and officers who have enlisted in the service of
the United States as a portion of the quotas of Boston Volunteers
pursuant to the requirements of the fifth chapter of the Stat-
utes of 1863. and that the compensation of said clerk be determi-
ned by the Executive Committee of the Soldiers Families Relief Com-
mittee and be chargeable to that appropriation. Read once.

Next
Board.

Monday next was assigned for
choice of discontinue Water Board.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board 115

Aldermen of the City of Boston had a Special Session on Monday the thirtieth day of March, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen.

Thirty two traverse Juries drawn for the first session of the Superior Court; - Thirty one drawn for the Second session of said Court, and thirty one drawn for the Criminal session of the Superior Court. Juries.

Petition of Oscar Reinstein Reinstein
for license as Pawnbrokers at 500 Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Hitchcock and Hitchcock
Stubbs for leave to enter with a drain the Common Sewer in Norton Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of Malachi Clark Clark
for leave to water certain streets of this City. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Matthew Binney and Binney
others for use of Faneuil Hall on May 26th for a Unitarian Festival. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall.

Petition of the Metropolitan Rail Metropolitan
Road Company for an extension of their location by a single track through Northampton Street to Centre line, and a turnout in Belmont Street near Northampton Street, also for leave to erect a truck stable for more than one hundred horses near Lamden Street, also for a single track on Harrison Avenue to Northampton

Shel &c. Petition to the Committee on Paving.

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Metropolitan
Railroad

Petition of Metropolitan Rail

road Company to use Massachusetts granite instead of New
York but rock requiring material this petition referred to the com-
mittee on Paving.

Old Colony &
Fall River
Railroad

The Old Colony and Fall River

Railroad Company had with the Board of Aldermen the following
location: To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston, in the
County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Whereas
the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company, a corporation
created and established under the laws of said Commonwealth, by
an act of the Legislature of said Commonwealth entitled
"An Act concerning the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad
Company," passed April 2nd 1857, was authorized to locate, con-
struct, and maintain a railway beginning at a point in New-
market Street, between South and Love Streets, in said Boston, and
termining to a point in the present track of said Corporation, at
a near Dorchester Avenue, in said Boston, as set forth and de-
scribed in said act; and, whereas, the said Old Colony and Fall
River Railroad Company were, by said act, authorized and re-
quired to locate the said railroad within two years from the pas-
sage of said act, And, therefore, in virtue of the authority given
in said act, and in accordance and conformity therewith, the
said Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company do hereby, in
with the said Mayor and Aldermen the following location of
the railroad authorized to them, under said act, to construct, and
the description thereof. The location aforesaid appears and is con-
tained in the plan hereto annexed signed by J. F. Benson, an

since, dated October 1862, and entitled: Map of the change in the
location of the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad from Free March 30, 1862
and West, Boston, to Seaboard Avenue, South Boston, which plan,
with all the lines, explanations, words, figures, characters, and di-
rections thereon, is made a part of the description of the location
aforesaid. The said, a base line in said plan is a line drawn
through the middle or centre of the westerly track of the two
tracks to be laid on said location, which location is described
as follows, to wit; Beginning at the Southeast corner of South and
Kneeland Streets, and running South $16^{\circ}35'15''$ West 398.5 feet
on the easterly line of said South Street; thence by curve of 771
feet radius on land of the Old Colony & Fall River Railroad
Company 333.75 feet; thence South $7^{\circ}36'31''$ East on said Old Col-
ony and Fall River Railroad Company land 117.7 feet; thence a
curve of 130 feet radius on land of said Old Colony and Fall
River R.R. Company 115.5 feet to the northeasterly side of a private
way belonging to the South Cove Corporation; thence, by curve
of same radius, across said way and other property of the
said South Cove Corporation about 268.3 feet to a point in the dock,
on the northeasterly line of boundary between property of said South
Cove Corporation and the Boston and Worcester Railroad Com-
pany, and the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company; thence
by curve of same radius, across said dock and land of Old
Colony and Fall River Railroad Company and Boston and
Worcester Railroad Company, about 115.5 feet to the northeasterly line
of the Wharf of the Boston and Worcester Railroad Company; thence
South $36^{\circ}15'30''$ East on line of said Wharf 174 feet to the eas-
terly corner of said Wharf and to the place on the shore of Boston
proper, fixed upon by the Commissioners appointed under the second

section of said act under and by virtue of which this location
 is made, for the commencement of the bridge across the said chan-
 nel, authorized by said act, which place is between the most east-
 ily Dock of the Wharf of the Boston & Worcester Railroad Company
 and a point three hundred feet westerly from the same, and which
 said place, fixed by said Commissioners, appears by their report
 and survey, and a plan thereof annexed, signed by said commis-
 sioners, and annexed hereto, and made a part of this location and
 description, thence South $27^{\circ} 16'$ West 600 feet across Fox Point Chan-
 nel, so called, between Boston and South Boston, to the land of the
 Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company, it being the place
 fixed by said Commissioners on the shore of South Boston, at
 which said bridge abutment and channel shall end, which said
 place is within four hundred feet westerly of the end of the pre-
 sent bridge of said Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company,
 as appears by said Commissioners' report and plan annexed here-
 to, thence, Southward, on said land and on the Harbor Com-
 missioners' line 132 feet, thence, South $27^{\circ} 16'$ West on land of said
 Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company 8.6 feet; thence by
 curve of 1142.2 feet radius, on land of said Old Colony and
 Fall River Railroad Company 22° feet to the Harbor Commissioners
 line; thence, Southerly along said line 387.7 feet to a point on the
 southerly side of South Street 51.75 feet from the southwest corner of land
 of the South Boston Iron Company; thence Southerly across said South
 Street 112.5 feet to the intersection of the line established by Sect 7
 of the Act under which this location is made, and the Southerly
 line of said South Street 51.12 feet from the Southwest corner of
 land of the First of May Store; thence, to the said line estab-
 lished by said Sect 7 of said Act South $45^{\circ} 15'$ East 250 feet, thence

curving easterly by radius of 1442.5 feet on land of said Old Colony 119
and Fall River Railroad Company 88 feet; thence, curving north March 30. 1863
by radius of 1373.5 feet on land of said Old Colony and Fall
River Railroad Company 144.5 feet to land formerly of Daniel Denny
now of the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company; thence,
by curve of same radius on land formerly of said Denny, 147 feet
to land of said Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company;
thence, by curve of same radius on land of said Old Colony and
Fall River Railroad Company 84.5 feet to land of said Denny or
land of the heirs of Cyrus Alger; thence, by curve of same radius
on land of said Denny or land of the heirs of Cyrus Alger, 577.5 feet,
crossing the location of the Boston and New York Southern Railroad;
thence, north, 217 feet to land of said Denny or heirs of
Cyrus Alger 176 feet to the westerly line of Seachester Avenue; thence,
by same course, across said Seachester Avenue 144.5 feet; thence, north
82 feet on the easterly side of said Avenue 111.5 feet to the Boston
side of the present location of the Old Colony and Fall River
Railroad; thence, by same course 67.5 feet to the Southeastly side of
B Street; thence Northeasterly on said side of B Street 13 feet; thence,
Northerly, by curve of 1450 feet radius across said B Street and Seachester
Avenue 150 feet to the westerly side of said Avenue; thence, by
curve of the same radius, on land of said Old Colony and Fall River
Railroad Company 169.7 feet to land of Daniel Denny; thence, by
curve of same radius on land of said Denny 67 feet to land
of Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company; thence, by curve of
same radius on land of Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Com-
pany 45.5 feet to land of Daniel Denny; thence, by curve of same
radius on land of said Denny 188.8 feet; thence, curving easterly by
radius of 1410 feet on land of said Denny 72.5 feet to land of the

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Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company; thence, by curve of
same radius on land of said Old Colony and Fall River Railroad
Company 245 feet to a point in the proposed extension of Broadway Street,
about 11 feet from the southeast corner of land of John Palmer, and
on the south line of his land extending into said proposed street, thence
by curve of same radius, across said Broadway Street 72.5 feet on
land of said Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company; thence,
by curve of same radius, through the southeasterly corner of the
land of the heirs of Cyrus Hagar 79 feet to the southerly side of
South Street; thence, by curve of same radius, across said South
Street 112.5 feet to land of Old Colony & Fall River Railroad Compa-
ny; thence, by curve of same radius, on land of said Old Colony
and Fall River Railroad Company 112.5 feet to land of the South
Boston River Company; thence, by curve of same radius, on land of
said South Boston River Company 245 feet; thence, N. 27° 10' East, on
land of said South Boston River Company 12 feet to land of Old
Colony and Fall River Railroad Company; thence, by same course
on land of said Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company
through the northeasterly corner of land of Seth Adams 205.5 feet to
the Eastern Commissioners' line, being the place on the shore of
South Boston fixed by said Commissioners under Act 2^d of said
act at which said bridge across said channel shall end; thence,
by same course, across the said channel aforesaid 582.5 feet to a
point bearing South 62° 14' East from the Easterly corner of the afo-
resaid wharf of the Boston and Worcester Railroad Company and
24 feet distant therefrom it being the place on the shore of Boston
proper fixed in the said Commissioners under said Act 3^d of said
act, at which said bridge shall end; thence, by curve of 787.5 feet
radius 58.5 feet to the Commissioners' line on opposite of the said wharf.

ny and Fall River Railroad Company and the Boston and Fall
River Railroad Company; thence, northeasterly, on said Commission- 121
line about 23 feet to the property of the South Cove Corporation, thence,
northeasterly on said Commission's line, and on property of said
South Cove Corporation, about 22.5 feet thence, by curve of 82.5 feet in
radius on land of said South Cove Corporation, 140.3 feet crossing a
street belonging to said Corporation as aforesaid; thence, South $7^{\circ} 36'$
 $30''$ West on land of said Corporation 50.4 feet to land of Old Colony
and Fall River Railroad Company; thence to same corner, on
land of said Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company 87.3
feet; thence, by curve of 108.5 feet radius on land of said Old Col-
ony and Fall River Railroad Company 298.7 feet; thence, South
 $10^{\circ} 35' 15''$ East on land of said Old Colony and Fall River Rail-
road Company 398.5 feet to the southerly side of Ancland Street;
thence, on said side of Ancland Street 32.5 feet to the point of
beginning. The courses in this description are all calculated
from the true meridian of the State House, in Boston, the variation
being $10^{\circ} 36'$ West. Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company
by their Attorneys their President duly authorized filed with the Board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston, March 28. 1863. Said location was
also accompanied by a copy of the location of the Bridge across
the channel by the State Commissioners. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Bridges.

The order submitted at the last
meeting of the Board authorizing the City Clerk to employ a
suitable assistant to prepare the record of the Soldiers in the
United States Army who have enlisted as a part of the quota
of Boston troops was read a second time and passed. Sent down
for concurrence. April 3. Same up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, April 11. 1863.

Soldiers
Record.

Archives

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presented to the Board of Commissioners in an account of the alleged insecurity of the sidewalk in Elm Street. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Claims came up for concurrence Read and concurred.

Society

Petition of Julia A. Dorris, Admin

istrator of Elizabeth Dorris, deceased, that the sum of \$10000 be paid and paid to her into the City Treasury on account of the deposit of \$10000 made by her to the City of Boston for trial at Superior Court may be repaid to her. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Claims came up for concurrence Read and concurred.

Shummut

The Board of Land Commission

Congregational

Society

as to whom was referred the petition of the Shummut Congregational Society to have to erect a dwelling house upon a part of the land recently purchased by them of the city for a Meeting House, without paying any additional sum therefor, having duly considered the subject would recommend the granting of the accompanying order to the Commissioners, Elias Smith, Chairman. Ordered: That the Shummut Congregational Society be permitted to erect a dwelling house to be used only as a parsonage, upon a part of the land purchased by them of the city to erect a church edifice, upon condition that they will give a bond made satisfactory to the City of Boston, guaranteeing to the City of Boston a right of way and maintain a sewer over their land and to connect with the one which they have laid out to the sewer on Tremont Street, for the proper drainage of the surface water from the parsonage, running parallel with Tremont, Canton and Northline Street. In Common Council. Read, accepted and the order passed.

ed. Came up for concurrence. Read and this Board concurred there- 123
in. Approved by the Board April 1. 1863

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The Board of Land Commis-

sioners to whom was referred the petition of Eliphaz Baker, setting forth that he is entitled to a deed of the land described in a bond given by the City of Boston to Charles Wilkins, dated January 1. 1851, upon his engine which remains due according to the conditions of the bond, having given the petition a hearing, and having fully considered the same, would respectfully submit the following Report: That the lot of land numbering 194 Suffolk Street, near Tremont Avenue, was with three others sold to Chas Wilkins Esq, by the City, and the papers passed January 1. 1851; five instalments and interest were paid upon the bond, that on the thirtieth day of March, 1855, this lot was purchased by Mr Baker at public auction, and the agreement given by the City was transferred to him, that the instalments and interest due January 1st 1856 and 1857 were not paid by Mr Baker although duly notified, and on the 25th of June 1858 an order was passed by the City Council, directing the Treasurer to cancel said bond numbering seven hundred and nineteen. as the same had become forfeited to the City for non payment of the instalments due thereon, the Board having obtained the City Solicitor's opinion in writing, which is that the Bond was rightfully cancelled and that neither Mr. Wilkins, nor any other person holding the agreement by assignment has any legal claim under it against the City. Now therefore we recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Commissioners, Silas Peirce, Chairman. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Baker.

The Common Council having
 March 20 1862 elected the following persons as members of the Cochituate Water
 Board viz: Alderman E. Hall, Daniel Gorman, Councilmen Geo.
 Allen, David Thomas, John F. Smith, and John C. Sullivan of Boston and John
 Ezra Johnson. Said action came up for concurrence, and the ballots
 having been taken and counted for members of the Cochituate Water
 Board, it appeared that the foregoing persons were duly chosen in
 concurrence.

Independence

Ordered: That one member of
 the Common Council from each Ward with such as the Board of
 Aldermen may join, be a Committee to make suitable arrangements
 to celebrate the approaching anniversary of the Declaration of Amer-
 ican Independence: and that the expense thereof shall not exceed
 the sum of ^A fifteen thousand dollars and shall be charged to
 the appropriation for incidental expenses and miscellaneous claims.
 It is further ordered that ^B no part of the appropriation be expended
 for entertaining drinks ^C and the President and Messrs. Cutler of Ward
 11. Wrighten of Ward 1. Allen of Ward 2. Quincy of Ward 3. Allen of Ward 4.
 Allen of Ward 5. Corbridge of Ward 6. Cutler of Ward 7. Allen of Ward
 8. Carpenter of Ward 9. Barnes of Ward 10, and Kellogg of Ward 12
 were appointed on said Committee. Passed in Common Council
 in concurrence: and the question being on the passage
 of said order, Alderman Peice moved to strike out at ^A the word
 "fifteen" and substitute "twelve" and the Yeas and Nays being
 demanded thereon they were taken as follows. Yeas, Aldermen
 Snow, Allen, Smith, Green, Jacobs, Peice, Hamilton, Stewart & Say.
 Aldermen Hancock, Paul, Spinney, and Ayer 4. Yeas 14. Yeas motion
 prevailed. Alderman Spinney then moved that the following words
 from B. to C. viz: no part of the appropriation be expended for in

topicalizing drinks be stricken out: and the Yeas and Nays being 125
demanded thereon they were taken as follows, Yeas Aldermen Clark, March 30. 1861.
Lenio, Henshaw, Paul, Peice, Spinney, Tyler & Noyes. Aldermen Am-
ey, Norcross, Marsh, Standish and Stevens 5. A said motion prevailed.
Alderman Paul then moved to insert at B. the following words
in place of the appropriation shall be expended in furnishing
gives every other evening appear in the Herald of the day:
which motion also prevailed: and the order as thus amended was
adopted; and Aldermen Paul, Stevens, Spinney, Henshaw, Amey,
Clark and Peice were named a said Committee. And drawn for con-
currence.

Petition of P. S. Gilmore for leave Gilmore
to use Faneuil Hall on the evening of April 2^d for the purpose of Faneuil Hall
giving a concert therein to aid the 4th Regiment of Mass. Volunteers.
Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall with full powers.

The Committee on Claims, to Atwood
whom was referred the petition of Samuel Atwood to be compensated
for damage to his house No. 37 Essex Street and loss of rent, conse-
quent upon the defective drainage of said street have considered
the same and by leave to report: That this claim is of the same
character as those lately settled by reference. It has been thorough-
ly examined by the Committee, and they recommend an am-
icable settlement, without litigation or expense, in the amount of
the sum named in accompanying order. Respectfully submit-
ted, to the Committee. In the Committee, Charles H. Fox's Chairman.
Ordered: That there be paid to Samuel Atwood upon his procuring
his title and giving a full discharge of all claims against the
City on account of defective drainage of his premises, sum of

120 37 Dover Street, the sum of thirteen hundred and two dollars &

such services, and that the same be charged to the appropriation
for Dover Street. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence.
April 9. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 10. 1863

Insolvent

Petition of Martin W. Luskbury for

appointment as Superintendent of Dover Street Bridge: and and

sent down and through the ballot having been taken recounted

in said superintendence it appeared that the whole number was 12

Necessary for a choice of Abner J. Gaffield had 6 Michael Scanlan 6

and there was no choice - a second ballot exhibited the following

results: whole number of ballots 12. Necessary for choice of Michael

Scanlan 5 Abner J. Gaffield 6 Edward J. Smith 1 and there was

no choice: a third ballot exhibited the following result: whole num-

ber of ballots 12. Necessary for choice of Abner J. Gaffield had 7 Michael

Scanlan 5 and Abner J. Gaffield was chosen, this Board thereby con-

cursing with the Common Council in the choice of Michael Scanlan.

Sent down for concurrence

Agreeable

Agreeable to assignment the

Per Diem

Board took up the subject of the election of two Per Diem Members,

and the ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that

John M. Wright was elected in concurrence - this Board also elected

Joseph H. Smith in place of Samuel Child chosen by the Common

Council. Sent down for concurrence April 3. Came up concurred.

Assistant

Agreeable to assignment the Board

Members

took up the subject of the election of Assistant Members and the

ballots having been taken and counted it appeared that Simon

Wright, Michael Scanlan, David J. Rice, James May, Gilbert & Rice,

John Sheburne, Edward Rice, Adam English, J. H. Warrick, Mayor 127.
J. Hall, Joseph L. Lee, Matthew Binney, Samuel Neal, William H. March 30. 1863
Frederick, Thomas Stone, Patrick Farrell, O. W. Allen, Rev. Bingham, Ju-
dson H. Benson, James Lennie, Joseph Smith, John Lincoln, John
Pitkin, William Lee, Samuel S. Linscott, Francis James, William
Jenkins and Warren Cobb were elected in concurrence: this Board also
elected for Ward 4, J. B. Kimball. Ward 5, J. J. Gaudinatti, Ward 9, Dexter
Butcher. Paul H. Benjamin Standish in place of John Burn, & H.
James, J. H. S. Foster and James, Allen chosen by the Common Coun-
cil. Sent down for concurrence.

Ordered: That a Committee of Laborers.
three on the part of the Council with such as the Board of Alder- City.
men may join be a committee to consider and report whether any wages of
change should be made in the rate of wages of the laborers employ-
ed by the City, and if so what change and also Allen, Dean
and Read were appointed on said Committee. Passed in common Coun-
cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen
Clark and March were joined. Approved by the Mayor April 1. 1863.

Ordered: That five members City
on the part of the Council with such as the Board of Aldermen Council
may join be a committee to consider and report upon the expedi-
ency of establishing the office of City Architect: and Messrs. Corbridge,
Adams, Carpenter, McGinn and Jones were appointed on said com-
mittee. Passed in common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred and Aldermen Paul, Denis and Standish were
joined. Approved by the Mayor April 1. 1863.

Petition of the Eighth Mass. Massachusetts
chapel's College Association for leave to fire the usual salutes on the Eighth Battery.

228 South of the next. Referred to the Committee of Management for
March 20th 1862 that day. Sent down for concurrence. April 2nd came up concurred.

City
Hospital

The Committee appointed to nomi-
nate a suitable person for Trustee of the New City Hospital, in
place of Andrew Cairney resigned do have recommend the election
of Theodore McAuliffe. Respectfully submitted. In the Committee, Chris
Trench, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Ap-
ril 3rd came up concurred.

City
Hospital
Under chosen

The ballots having been taken &
counted for a Trustee of the City Hospital in place of Andrew Cairney re-
signed, it appeared that Theodore McAuliffe was chosen. Sent down for con-
currence. April 3rd came up concurred.

Bumstead
Court
Primary School

The Committee on Public In-
struction to whom was referred the communication of the School
Committee on the subject of the Primary School House in Bum-
stead Court, having considered the subject, and examined the prem-
ises now report. That although there are some grounds of objection to
the location of said School House, there are counterbalancing advan-
tages, and in the opinion of the Committee it is not expedient to
change it. The Committee are of opinion that it is desirable
to improve the ventilation of the room, by obtaining, if the
city have it not now, the right to open windows through the
external wall; and that the plank walks leading to the build-
ing, ought to be widened in some places. The Committee recom-
mend that the subject be referred to the Committee on Public
Buildings. Resolved. Hon. J. H. H. Chairman. Read, accepted and re-
ferred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. April 3rd came up con-
curred.

The Committee on Internal 129.

Health respectfully represent to the City Council, that an addition of three thousand dollars will be required to their appropriation, to meet the expenditure of the present financial year. The cause of this deficiency of appropriation is explained in the annexed communication from the Superintendent of that department for the Committee. Moses Clark, Chairman of Internal Health Committee. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. April 3^d Came up concurred. See City Let 46.

March 26. 1863.
Internal
Health.

The Committee on Public

Buildings respectfully represent that the appropriation for erecting a new Primary Concourse in Chardon Street, was \$25,000, and the building being now nearly completed, it appears that its cost will exceed the appropriation by nearly \$2,500 and the Committee therefore request an additional appropriation of that amount. Respectfully submitted. For the Committee, Joseph L. Smith, Chairman. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. April 3^d Came up concurred.

Chardon Street
Primary Concourse
Hall.

The Committee appointed

to nominate suitable persons for the office of Inspectors and Watchmen of Lighters, beg leave to recommend the election of the following named persons: Inspectors in Chief - Edward Fisher - William J. Clark, William L. Boller, Peter Lemay. Respectfully submitted. In the Committee, Saml. R. Spinney, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. April 3^d Came up concurred.

Baliast
Inspectors

The order submitted at the

last meeting of the Board to pay Thomas Richardson two hundred

Richardson

130 and twenty five dollars and seven cents for grade damages occur
March 21 1863. Signed to this building on Federal Street, was read a second time and
passed approved by the Mayor, March 31. 1863.

Minor

The Rules and Regulations for
the government of Minor which were submitted to the Board at its
last meeting were read a second time and referred to the commit-
tee on Licenses.

Black

Ordered: That leave be granted to
said Black to move a wooden building fifteen feet wide from
Chautoga Street through Marion Street to Princeton Street to commence
April 1st and not to occupy more than two days.

School

Committee
vacancy filled.

Agreeably to assignment the Board
assembled in convention with the School Committee for the purpose of
electing a member of said Committee in place of Thomas L. Simond
of Ward 2, resigned, and the ballots having been taken and counted
in said meeting it appeared that the whole number was 50. Isaac
Curry for choice 26. Seth C. Ames had 45. Benjamin Bond 5. Said Ames
was duly elected a member of said Committee for the remainder of
this Municipal Year.

School

Committee
vacancy

After the foregoing convention
was dissolved a message was received from the School Committee
stating that a vacancy existed in said body occasioned by the res-
ignation of W. Simond of Ward 11, and proposing a convention of
the Mayor, Aldermen and School Committee on Monday, April 20th
at 10 o'clock A.M. to fill said vacancy for the remainder of this
Municipal Year: read and thereupon ordered that a message be
sent to the School Committee stating that this Board concurs in

The Committee on Public Build- March 30 1863

ing, to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's Address as related to the cost of finishing the new city hall, have considered the same and submit the following report: During the year 1862, contracts were made for the hammered stone, the masonry work and carpenter's work, which amounted in the aggregate to about \$250,000, which being deducted from the original appropriation left a balance of \$10,000. The Committee have given the plans a careful examination to satisfy themselves as to whether any changes from the original plan are necessary or expedient, to render the building more substantial and desirable and better adapted to the purposes for which it is designed; and after many meetings and much consultation, they are unanimously in favor of making the following changes, the advantages and cost of which they respectfully present. 1st To place all the apparatus for heating the entire building, and the fuel for the same, in a cellar occupying the central portion of the building, or about square front; thus leaving the entire basement for offices or for such other purposes as it may be appropriated to, and removing all the dirt and dust and other objectionable features of the heating department entirely out of public view. 2nd To make all the floors from the basement to the third story inclusive of brick and iron; thus rendering the building nearly fire-proof in the principal stories and giving it a character of solidity and permanency in keeping with its object. The cost of excavating and building a cellar as recommended, will be, as per estimates, including iron and brick floor, \$7,000.00. The cost of making the other three principal floors entirely of iron and brick will be, as per estimates, \$26,000. The whole cost of effecting the changes of the original plan, recommended to

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The committee, and thus be fixed. There remain to be contracted for, to complete the building, the masonry, plumbing, painting and
 laying, four sets of cast-iron pipes, heating apparatus, three
 and three hundred ten bags of cement, fertilizers and other items,
 all of which have been carefully estimated at such prices as prevail
 at this time, but many will not be needed for at least one year. The
 committee are of opinion that it is for the interest of the City to defer
 contracting for those matters which will not soon be required; but as
 much of the work should be contracted for at once, and as it is
 necessary that the contractor for the masonry and carpentry should be
 early informed of any changes that are to be made, the Committee re-
 quiring request, even in addition to the appropriation it will pro-
 vide them with the means to carry out the changes recommended
 and to execute the additional contracts which ought to be made this
 present year. They therefore ask the passage of the accompanying order.
 To the committee, Joseph E. Paul, chairman. Ordered: That the
 Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to borrow, under the direc-
 tion of the Committee on Finance, the sum of one hundred and
 fifty thousand dollars, the same to be added to the appropriation
 for a new city hall. Read twice and assigned for consideration on
 Wednesday next.

Loan.

Hanning
 Cross Street.

Whereas, in the opinion of the Board,
 the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Cross
 Street, in the City of Boston, should be widened it is therefore ordered,
 that due notice be given to Andrew Hanning that this Board intend
 to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a portion of his land
 and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the
 sixth day of April next at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for
 hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

by the board, took from the table the Ordinance in relation to streets and the question being on the passage of said ordinance as amended by a previous vote. Alderman Amory moved to amend by adding two new sections respecting the placing of signs in the sidewalks, and respecting permits for building purposes which amendments were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Streets
Ordinance.

Alderman Amory submitted to the Board the following: Regulations respecting the Survey of Marble, Soapstone, and Freestone. Section 1. There shall be appointed annually, on the first Monday of February, or within sixty days thereafter, by the Mayor and Aldermen one or more Surveyors of Marble, Soapstone, and Freestone, who shall hold their office for one year, and until others are appointed in their places, and who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of their office. Sect. 2. It shall be duty of the said Surveyors to survey and admeasure all marble, Soapstone and freestone that is imported or brought into the City of Boston and offered for sale, and ascertain the number of cubic feet in each block, and the number of square feet in each slab of said marble, Soapstone, or freestone, and legibly mark the same thereon, with the initials of the officer surveying it, and they shall give a certificate to the owner or vendor thereof, in the form hereinafter provided. Sect. 3. The fee for surveying said marble, Soapstone, and freestone shall be one cent for each cubic foot, and one half of a cent for each square foot surveyed as above directed, which shall be paid to the Surveyor by the owner or vendor. Sect. 4. The certificate to be given to the owner or vendor of said marble, Soapstone, and freestone shall specify the name of the owner or vendor, the name of the place from which the marble, Soapstone &

Marble,
Soapstone,
Freestone

by. Wherever was imported or brought the number of cubic feet in each block, and the number of square feet in each cut exposed, the amount of tax received and the date of the certificate. Sec. 5. No person shall sell any marble, soapstone, or granite imported or brought into the City of Boston, unless the same shall have been surveyed as required by these regulations, under a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for each and every offence. Read twice and assigned for consideration on Wednesday next.

Auctioneer

B. B. Lyer was appointed an Auctioneer at 17 Kilby Street.

Boatweigher.

William A. Nichols was appointed a Boatweigher of this City at Beakwell Wharf.

Second Hand
Articles

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses leave was granted to the following persons to sell in Second Hand Articles Charles H. Grant 22 Salem Street - Edmund 42 Salem Street - Eliza August 12 Main Street.

The
Fire
Department
Discharges

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Engineers of the Fire Department, the discharges of George H. Gail from Engine No. 2, and of Charles E. Smith of Engine 7, were confirmed by the Board.

The
Fire
Department
Admissions

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department and on nomination to the Mayor, the admissions of the following persons into the Fire Department were approved by the Board - L. Nichols Engine No. 2, George A. Broughton and William S. Greenwell Engine No. 7, Joseph J. Bolton, Jr. No. 3, Charles H. Tenney, Arch. J. Gaultier No. 1.

having duly considered the communications from the committee March 1, 1883, in Lamps, on the Fire Department, and the Auditor of Accounts, Appropriations dated 9th and 16th instants respectively, have unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council the passage of the annexed order making provision for the deficiencies stated. In the Committee, A. H. Lincoln, Chairman. Ordered: That the sum be authorized to be drawn under the direction of the Committee on Finance, twelve thousand dollars, and that the same be added to the appropriation for Lamps. Ordered: also, that the Auditor of Accounts be authorized to make the following transfers of appropriations viz: -

add to Public House Collection	4000
House of Industry	6000
Old Claims	<u>2000</u>

\$ 12,000

add to Fire Department two thousand dollars as transfer from Street; add to Lamps eight thousand dollars as transfer from the General Fund. Read once.

Ordered: That the Committee Ward Three on Public Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to procure and fit up some suitable apartment within the limits of Ward Three as a third room for that Ward. Read once.

On motion of Alderman Finney, Ward Three Monday next was assigned for choice of Justices of Ward Three Com. territory.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at ten o'clock, a.m.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Wednesday the first day of April, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Stevens

Chambelain

Sanborn

Petitions of William A. Chambelain and William S. Sanborn for appointment as Highways of City. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Streeting

Resolved: That the Committee on

Streeting consider and report how many and what papers it is expedient for the City to contract with for doing the City's streeting for one year from the first day of May next, and down for concurrence. Put & come up concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 4, 1863.

Appropriation

The report and order submitted

at the last meeting of the Board in favor of a Loan of twelve thousand dollars to be added to the appropriation for Lumps, also for transfer of twelve thousand dollars to the Police appropriation from State of Industry, House of Correction, and Old Almshouse - also for transfer of two thousand dollars from Street, also for transfer of four thousand dollars to Lumps from the General Fund, were read a second time and passed. Was Aldermen Amory, Clark, Davis, Fenwick, Foxworth, Marsh, Paul, Rice, Spinnery, Standish, and over 11. Put, none. And down for concurrence. Put & come up concurred. Was 40. Put, none. Approved by the Mayor, April 10, 1863.

Street work

and 3

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board directing the Committee on Public Build-

ing to procure and fit up a suitable apartment within the limits 13%
of Ind 3. for a Hard coin for said Ind. was read a second time and
passed. Sent down for concurrence. April 3. Came up concurred. Ap-
proved by the Mayor, April 4. 1863.

de malle, uit de hand, gelieve u, niet te vallen

John William and Son, Stationers, 4000 2nd, San Francisco

at West Hampton Beach 7. Hampton 5. Little Neck 4. Hampton

John R. Lutz, Richardson A. Newkumy, Edward C. Thompson, Benja

mon frere a l'honneur d'acquiescer a l'avis de M. de la Roche et de se conformer a son avis.

and then I believe, I. N. Wilson, Samuel & Wilson, George H.

James Earl Ray, born 1928, (live in Chicago, Illinois)

2. Welt, Volk, & Natur. Diese bilden einen Teil, den

Saml P. Welch, Charles G. Wilson, George W. Wells, Eliphalet H. Wilbur,

Abolition
The

inclined

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board 141

of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Faneuil Hall on the sixth day of April. Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petitions of Spencer A. East of Jones Smith.

Erasmus and John A. Smith regarding a lane to be cut in the streets of this City. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Hitchcock and Stubbs Hitchcock.

and others for leave to remove a portion of the iron in Folland Street where they contemplate building. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Josiah Steedman and Steedman

others that Garrison Avenue from Essex to Lake Street may be repaired. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Thomas Russell and Russell

others for use of Faneuil Hall in Faneuil Hall. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall with full power.

Petition of Suffolk Railroad Com- Suffolk Railroad.

pany for additional long accommodations on the East Boston Road. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall and Faneuil

On nomination by the Mayor Police

the following persons were duly appointed and confirmed as Police of the City with all the powers of Constables except the power of serving and executing civil process. Daniel N. Child/Gr-

grant, Charles E. Carter, Thomas Gordon, John Rogers, Thomas J. Murphy, John E. Milliken, Charles Eaton and Serastus Knapp.

On nomination by the Mayor
the following persons were appointed and confirmed as special fire
officers of this city - Alfred E. Turner, Abram Davis, John Connors, Benjamin
and Thomas and others who are in the Fire Department.

No person appearing to object to
the sale of land in the city of Boston by taking land of
John H. Hannon, and the same was referred to the Committee on
Street.

Charles J. McCarthy, Paymaster of
the Public Relief Committee submitted to the Board a statement of
the amounts paid out by him to soldiers families in the months
of February and March 1863. Read and sent down.

Ordered: That the following bills
to be paid for services rendered or material furnished, by persons connected
directly or indirectly with the city government, be paid, provided
they are approved and allowed in the usual manner, viz: Sum
ner & Co., two hundred and eight dollars and seventy three cents,
J. H. Hannon and fifty eight dollars and ninety cents. Two
and a half and sixty five dollars and thirty nine cents and
two dollars and fifty cents. John and John the merchant and
John Adams, fifty three dollars and fifty cents. J. H. Hannon one
hundred and thirty five dollars and three cents, sixty eight cen
ts and three cents, and eight dollars and seven cents. John
and Adams one hundred and seventy seven dollars and

Sutherland eighty one dollars. Buckley and Bancroft seven dollars 143
and fifty cents. J. M. Leighton only five dollars. William Carpenter April 6. 1863
three hundred and eighty five dollars. John Smith the three
dollars and ninety one cents, Denio and Roberts, twenty four dol-
lars and sixty one cents. Dalton and Ingersoll four dollars and
fifty cents. J. H. Henshaw, two hundred and seventy dollars and
fifty five cents. G. Mears forty seven dollars and seventy eight
cents. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 7. 1863.

Ordered: That the Trustees of Mount Hope Cemetery,
be authorized to erect, grade and deal in the same for dead men a suitable lot of not less than thirty feet
square to be specially appropriated and set apart for the burial
of each person who may die in that Institution. Read in Com-
mon Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Ap-
proved by the Mayor April 7. 1863.

The Common Council having Assistant
concurred with this Board in the election of Samuel Wendworth
of Ward 5 as Assistant Assessor; and having also elected John
Brown of Ward 4, J. M. Foster of Ward 9, and James Butler of Ward
11 in place of J. A. Kimball, Ezra Litchcock and Benjamin Cullen
for chain to the Branch, said action came up for concurrence, and
the ballots having been taken and counted for these positions it
was ascertained that Messrs Brown, Foster and Cullen were chosen
in concurrence.

The Common Council having Laver Street
elected Michael Curran as Superintendent of Laver Street Bridge
in place of John Gifford chosen by the Branch, said action came

1114. up for concurrence: and the ballots being taken and counted for said
April 6 1865 department it appeared that the whole number was 12. Necessary
majorities of Michael Scanlan 8. Abner C. Garfield 4. So said Scanlan
was duly chosen in concurrence.

Harbor Master

A petition of the Harbor Master's
board for increase of wages was referred in Common Council
to the Committee on the Harbor. Came up for concurrence Read and
passed.

Street

Superintendent

The Superintendent of Streets
submitted to the Board his report of the receipts and expendi-
tures in that office for the quarter ending on the 31st ult. Read and
sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Public Buildings

The Director for Public Buildings
submitted to the Board their report of the expenditures in their
department for the quarter ending on 31st ult. Read and sent down.
In Common Council. Placed on file.

Quarantine

The Inspector in Chief of Quarantine
reported to the Board that the fee received during the quarter end-
ing March 31st was one hundred and twenty six dollars and
fifty three cents. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed
on file.

Health

The Superintendent of Health
reported to the Board the amount of receipts and expenditures in
his office for the quarter ending March 31st. Read and sent down.
In Common Council. Placed on file.

City

Physician

The City Physician reported to
the Board a record of the doings of his office for the quarter ending
March 31st. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Ordered: That Messrs Sprague 145.

of Hardy, Becking and Allen with such as the Board of Aldermen
may wish to be a committee to nominate a committee for the Board of Aldermen
to be in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-
curred and Aldermen Smith and Rice were joined. Approved by the
Maya April 7. 1863

Memorial of William C. Dun- Dunham

him to be compensated for sundry expenses incurred the last year
as recruiting agent in the city. Forwarded to the Committee on
Society Volunteers. Sent down for concurrence. April 9. Came up for concur-
rence.

Ordered: That the Hospitalities of Cowdin

the city be tendered to Gen: Robert Cowdin now on a visit here from
the East of war and that Messrs Carpenter, Brown and J. R. Brown
with such as the Board of Aldermen may join be a Committee to
make the necessary arrangements for his reception and such en-
tertainment as they may deem fit. The expense thereof to be charged
to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims.
Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and
concurred and Aldermen Tyler and Amory were joined. Approved by
the Maya April 7. 1863.

The Superintendent of Public Land:

Land submitted in the Board his report of the sales of public
land for the quarter ending March 31. Read and sent down.

The Common Council have Independence.

ing concurred with this Board in the proposed amendment
of the South of July rules, at 8. 1/2 by striking out garden
and inclosure orders and having been concurred in the pro-

re numbered so as to read 10 and 11. Sent down for concurrence.

147.

April 6. 1863.

Ordered: That there be paid

to Miss Maria Burr the sum of seventeen thousand two hundred and ninety one dollars and the interest on said sum from the 1st day of January A.D. 1862 to the day of payment to the fund taken from her in the year 1862. And it is ordered that said sum being the amount of the award made by John Latham and Joseph Burr thereon under an agreement of submission to them and John H. Lipp upon her giving to the City a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for the damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking according to the terms of said agreement of submission, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening streets. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor April 7. 1863.

Spear

Ordered: That the Superintendent

of Streets under the appropriation of the Committee on paving be authorized to contract by auction or otherwise for gravel or otherwise as may be deemed for the best interests of the City for such quantities of such gravel as shall be needed for the paving of the streets during the year 1863 to be landed in such quantities at such times and places as the Superintendent of Streets shall direct; the gravel to be procured from beaches outside the limits of Beacon Street, unless otherwise ordered by Board of Aldermen. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor April 7. 1863.

Gravel

Whereas, by a certain deed

the 7th of December 1861, a certain parcel of land, therein described,

Federal

Street.

1113 was taken on Federal Street, and the same was laid out as a
public street on a map of said city, by the Mayor, Council and
Board of Aldermen, and the same was laid out as a public street
in a report of the City of New York, and all other persons inter-
ested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or otherwise, in said land,
that they cut off, pull down, remove and carry away all build-
ings, erections and obstructions of every sort standing on and
along the line of said Federal Street, as established by
the resolve aforesaid, or move and set back the same to the
said line, and vacate and surrender the land & premises taken as
aforesaid, on or before the twentieth day of April next ensuing.
And in default thereof, the City of New York do hereby direct and em-
power, forthwith to enter upon said land, and cause all buildings,
erections and obstructions standing on and along the line
of said Federal Street, as established by the resolve aforesaid, to be
cut off, pulled down, removed and carried away, or to be moved and
set back to said line, and the said land to be vacated and sur-
rendered under the direction of the Committee on laying out and
widening streets.

Memorandum

A. Henry Craft, City Engineer, nom-

inated by the Board as and for its Engineer, Thomas H. Larrabee, which
nomination was approved by the Board.

City

Henry Dixon, Inspector of

Inspector

City, submitted to the Board his annual report of the doings of
his office up to March 31, 1863. Said report was laid on the table and ordered to be
printed.

Market

Agreeably to the report of the Com-

mittee

on the Market, the purchase of the land of the City of New York
and the purchase of the land of the City of New York was approved by

the Board.

149.

Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on Licenses, Louis Bannitt was licensed to deal in Second Hand Articles at 147 Salem Street and Isaac Adams to deal in Second Hand articles at 27 Salem Street.

April 6. 1863
Second Hand
articles.

Oscar Reinstein & Co. were licensed as Pawnbrokers at 500 Washington Street.

Pawnbrokers

E. G. Dudley was appointed as a Weigher of Coal in this City.

Commissioner

Edwin Bruce was licensed to give a concert at the Tremont Temple on the eighth of April instant.

Bruce

On petition of Hayward and although he leave to drain house 777½ Tremont Street into the Tremont Street Sewer, the Committee on Sewers reported leave to withdraw Read and accepted.

Hayward

Ordered: That the payment of the sum of nine dollars and eighty four cents assessed upon John Thompson's heirs, and the sum of nine dollars and ninety six cents assessed upon B. Neal for their proportion of the cost of constructing a Common Sewer in this Street, be and the same are hereby postponed until drain from said estate shall be connected with the Common Sewer in Wall Street. Read once.

Wall
Street
sewer.

Ordered: That the sum of one hundred thirty four dollars and eighty eight cents assessed upon the New England Glass Company as their proportion of the cost of constructing a Common Sewer in Sumner Street, be and the same

Sumner
Street

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it hereby assessed upon the heirs of Jacob Kendall, they being the owners of the estate. Read once.

Ware

Street

Survey.

Ordered: That the sum of twenty one dollars and sixty six cents assessed upon A. Binney and L. Shaw, Justices, for their preparation of the cost of constructing a common sewer in Ware and Marion Streets, be and the same is hereby abated and declared of no effect. And it is further ordered, that the said sum of twenty one dollars and sixty six cents be and the same is hereby assessed upon John English and Alexander Main; one half of said sum to each person, they being the owners of the estate at the time of making the assessment. Read once.

Fire

Ordered: That the Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby authorized to purchase for the use of that department two thousand feet of leading hose, at an expense not exceeding twenty five hundred dollars. Read twice.

Burdoin

Square

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair with flag block blocks so much of Burdoin Square as lies between Cambridge and Green Streets and a distance of forty feet from the sidewalk in front of the block of the building facing said Burdoin Square, and make such changes in the grade of said street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused

ed to repair after due notice to that effect. Ordered, That the Cam- 151.
bridge Railroad Company be notified of the passage of the above ^{April 1862}
order, to inform them that the Board of Aldermen have determin- ^{committee}
ed in accordance with one of the provisions and conditions of the con- ^{contract}
tion granted to said Company, Oct. 27, 1862, and accepted Nov. 4, 1862,
that said portion of Franklin Square mentioned in the order shall
be repaired with that which they shall deem to be the best of
stone material, the whole expense thereof to be paid by the Cam-
bridge Railroad Company. Ordered, That said work shall be com-
menced on or before June 1, 1862, and as said Cambridge Rail-
road Company are required to pay the whole cost of repairing the
above described roadway they can do so either by contracting
with parties to do the work under the direction and superintende-
nce of the Superintendent of the said work, or by paying for the cost of
the same to the parties employed by the Superintendent of the said
work, and furnish the labor and material requisite to perform the work.

Read once.

Ordered: That the salary of ^{Mayor}
the late Ezr. Mason, Chairman of the jail, be paid to his legal
representative from the time of his decease to the end of the year
in which he had entered, viz: from 1st January of the following
year to the first instant. Read once.

The Board of Directors for Public ^{Institutions}
Institutions submitted to the Board some new rules defining the ^{Board of}
duties of the Chief, Aldermen and Justices of the Peace of the
City, and asked for the approval of said rules by the City Coun-
cil. Resolved.

Alderman Spinney was appointed ^{Votes}
as a committee to examine the returns of votes cast in the several ^{Con"} in

100. And the day for the collection is a matter of the private order
of the Board.

Adjourned to Thursday next at 12 o'clock, M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of New York, held at the City Hall on Wednes-
day the eighth day of April, Anno Domini, 1863.

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Rogers,
Henshaw, Lenox, Tyler, and Stevens.

Present.

Eight Havers Juras were drawn
for the first session of the Superior Court and ten Havers Juras
were drawn for the second session of the Superior Court.

Adjourned to Thursday next / tomorrow / at 12 o'clock, M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of New York, held at the City Hall on Thurs-
day the Ninth day of April, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present.

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Rogers,
Henshaw and Tyler.

Present.

Petition of Browning and others
and others that Washington Street from Summer to Promised
Streets may be widened by hand. Referred to the Com^{ee} on Internal Affairs.

that the collection of an assessment for construction of a sewer in
 Archester Avenue may be postponed until an entry is made
 therein. Referred to the Committee on Finance
 April 4. 1863
 May.

The rules and regulations of the Board of Directors for Public Institutions which were submitted
 for approval on the sixth instant, were read a second time
 and said rules providing for the duties of the Chief Motion and
 first Assistant at the House of Industry were approved by this
 Board. Sent down for concurrence. Concurred. Approved by
 the Mayor April 10 1863.

The Committee on Finance have considered the requests made by the Committee on Internal
 Health and on Public Buildings, respectively, which were refer-
 red to them on the third instant. They recommended to the City
 Council the passage of the annexed Order granting their requests.
 In the Committee J. W. Lincoln, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the Au-
 ditor's Accounts be hereby authorized to make the following transfers
 of appropriation viz: Add to Internal Health three thousand dol-
 lars by transfer from Old Claims - Add to Primary School House in
 Children Street, twenty five hundred dollars by transfer from Primary
 School House. Read twice and passed. Yeas Aldermen Clark, Denis,
 Mather, Quinn, Tuck, Rice, Spinner, Stanton, Thorne, J. & Van Nostrand.
 Sent down for concurrence. April 3. Came up concurred. Approved by
 the Mayor April 10. 1863.

The Committee appointed to ex-
 amine the return of votes cast in the several Wards of this City
 on the sixth instant found against the proposed Constitutional

and time and passed. Approved by the Mayor April 9. 1863

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April 9. 1863

The order submitted to the

Board on the sixth instant to abate the sum of one hundred and thirty five dollars assessed upon the New England Gas Company for a Sewer in Hamilton Street, and to assess the same upon the heirs of Jacob Kimball was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor April 9. 1863

Hamilton
Street.

The order submitted to the

Board on the sixth instant for the postponement of the collection of an assessment of nine $\frac{64}{100}$ dollars on John Thompson's heirs, and of nine $\frac{92}{100}$ dollars on B. Neal for construction of sewer in Wall Street until entries shall be made thereon was read a second time & passed. Approved by the Mayor April 9. 1863

Wall
Street.

The Committee on Internal

Health to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin F. Smith for a watering license report that leave be granted to water the following streets: Charles, Lincoln, Pinckney, Chestnut, Mount Vernon, West Cedar, Cambridge, Brynston and Arlington Streets, Pleasant from Providence to Union Park Street - Remont from Eliot to School Street - Providence, Winter, West, Bayette, Oak and Green Street with Salt water for the Committee Moses Clark, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Internal
Health

The Committee on Internal Health

to whom was referred the petition of John A. Smith to leave to water certain streets report that leave be granted a water license from Union Park Street to Roxbury line, and all streets south of Walnut Street to the same line with Salt water. For the Committee Moses Clark, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Smith

July 1863

incl.

The Committee on Internal

Health to whom was referred the petition of Alexander A. Jones to water certain streets, report that leave be granted to water Washington from the Union Park Street to Millham, Elliot, Common, Warren, Pleasant from Belmont to Washington - Castle, Union, and Garrison Avenue from Railroad Bridge to Millham Street Union Park, Union, Church, Union, Millham, Maunce, Dought, Hanson and Bradford Streets with any and all streets in Ward 12, with Salt water. For the Committee, Moses Clark, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Borden

The Committee on Internal Health

to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Borden for a watering license report that leave be granted to water the following streets Garrison Avenue from Essex Street to Railroad Bridge, Union, Church, Union, Pleasant from Belmont to Federal Street, South, Federal from Channing Street to Bridge, South Street from Arch Wharf to Federal Street, Granite, Edinburgh, Pearl and Curve Streets with Salt water. For the Committee, Moses Clark, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Breen

The Committee on Internal Health

to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Breen for a watering license report that leave be granted to water the following streets - State Street, Congress, Water, Central, India, Commerce, Court Street, Green, Everett, Garrison, Blackstone, Lowell, Concord, Union, in-door Hall, Elm, Oak Hill, Exchange, Boston, Fairmount, both Washington from Lee Square to Milk, Greenhouse from State Street to Milk, Federal from Milk to Congress, Broad from State Street to State Street, North and South Market, Merchants Row, Faneuil Hall Square and others.

Court Square, Bowdoin Square, Acorn Row and Street to School Street, 15%
with salt water. In the Committee, Moses Clark, Chairman. Read and April 9. 1863
accepted.

The Committee on Internal Affairs
to whom was referred the petition of some citizens for a water
and license, report that same is granted to cover the following streets
namely, Acorn, High, Church, Grand, South, Main,
St. Jean, North Charles, Portland, Staniford, Sudbury, Temple, Bowdoin,
and Union Streets to Dock Square, with salt water. In the Commit-
tee, Moses Clark, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Resolved to receive and accept of the same.

April 9. 1863. Nicholas J. Bean, mem- lion mon
ber of the Common Council elected in Ward No. 3 in place of Council.
John A. Foster resigned came before the Board accompanied by his colleagues, Mr. Linn of that ward, and the oaths of
office were administered to him by the Mayor.

At a meeting of the Board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on
Monday the thirtieth day of April Anno Domini, 1862.

Present,

The Mayor and six the Aldermen except Alderman Stearns

Mr. Mann
Ald.

Petition of P. M. Mann for ap-
pointment as a local highway commissioner of Giles B. Wells, for
the same. Referred to the committee on Licenses.

Wheeler

Petition of L. S. Wheeler for a license
to sell at East Boston and at South Boston on the 23^d and 24th
April. Referred to the committee on Licenses.

Bauer

Petition of Nathaniel Bauer and
others that Washington Place may be paved. Referred to the com-
mittee on Paving.

Mr. Hay

Petition of Donald M. Hay to the
effect that Brata Street at foot of White and Eagle Streets may be graded
and graveled. Referred to the committee on Paving.

Robinson

Petition of George W. Robinson and
others that a sewer may be laid in the passageway running
from the corner of Spring Street to the corner of the
Sever!

Sever

Sever

Petition of William S. Sever and
others that the Board at East Boston may be authorized to
purchase land. Referred to the Department of Public Buildings
with full power.

On nomination by the Mayor 159

the following persons were appointed Police Officers of this City with all the powers of Constables except the power of serving and executing writs, viz. Edward L. Gurnea, John J. Brown, James J. Brown, and John J. Brown. Michael L. Gurnea, Sylvester Brown, and John Murray. Approved.

April 13. 1863.
Police.

On nomination by the Mayor Constables

William W. Blake and Nathan M. Maibac were appointed Constables of this City.

Petition of Sarah L. Gray to Mayor

to be compensated for personal injuries sustained from unsafe condition of the street. Resolved that the Committee on Claims be drawn for concurrence. April 16. Came up concurred.

A communication was received from

John L. B. Maibac formerly a recruiting agent for this City. He stated that he had been paid the sum of \$1000.00 of his hundred dollars which was paid to E. E. Fine who enlisted in the 1st Maine Cavalry. He stated that he was discharged from the service and asking leave to return said amount to the City. Resolved that the City Treasurer be authorized to receive the sum of \$1000.00 from E. E. Fine and to credit the same to the appropriation for Recruiting Fund. Read twice and passed. Sent over for concurrence. April 16. Came up concurred. Approved to the Mayor April 13. 1863.

Recruiting
Fund
turned.

April 13. 1863. It was ordered the resolution introduced on the 10th on Shaw's Lot which were respectively referred to the City, referred to the Board of Land Commissioners. Sent down for concurrence. April 16. Came up concurred.

Order

The Committee on Water, & Navigation referred the petition of William Sedgwick, for abatement of his water of 1862, have considered the same and has leave to recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Sent down for concurrence. April 16. Came up concurred.

City City Hall

Ordered: That all money received by the Committee on Public Buildings from the sale of old materials be paid into the City Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for building the New City Hall and that it be used in that case. Sent down for concurrence. April 16. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 18. 1863

Committee on Finance

Report of the Finance Committee. A large amount of money in the City Treasury in City Building. Sent down to the Committee of Arrangements for Celebration of that day. Sent down for concurrence. April 16. 1863

Commissioners

The County Commission of the Rice Department having submitted to the City Council for their consideration the Bill presented by the Rice Commission, the Bill was unanimously approved. Sent down for concurrence. April 16. Came up concurred.

Simeon B. Smith, Superintendent 161

ent of Sewer Board to the Board a communication tendered into the resignation of Simeon B. Smith, read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. April 16. Came up concurred.

Sewer
Supt: resigns.

Ordered: That Aldermen Marsh

Sewer

and Smith with such as the Common Council may wish to be a committee to nominate a candidate to the office of Superintendent of Common Sewer in place of Simeon B. Smith, resigned. Sent down for concurrence. April 16. Came up concurred and Messrs. Madsen, Adams and Bean were joined. Approved by the Mayor April 17. 1863.

committee on
Superintendent

The Committee on Water to whom

Bartlett.

was referred the petition of J. Bartlett and others, that the Tax on certain model houses may be abated for the reason that some of said houses are unoccupied, have considered the same and beg leave to Report that the regulation by which the petitioners are compelled to pay a water-tax for houses whether occupied or not has been established by the Water Board to insure payment for water which is actually used, and it is believed to operate as equally as any rule which could be made to apply to all classes of dwelling houses. The Committee therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, E. H. Smith, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. April 16. Came up concurred.

Model Houses
water-tax

Ordered: That notice to the city

Union Street

of Boston on the petition of George B. Faxon and others to the Legislature to be incorporated as the Union Street & Lowell

Street
Carriers

102. Company, be and the same is hereby waived, upon the condition that any act that shall be passed in answer to the prayer of the petitioner, shall contain a proviso, to the effect that the act shall not take effect, until it shall have been accepted by the City Council of the City of Boston. Read twice and passed. Sent down in concurrence. April 16. Came up concurred. - Approved by the Mayor, April 17. 1863.

Mount Hope
Cemetery.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees of Mount Hope Cemetery, has leave to recommend the election of the following named persons: Alderman N. A. Stevens; Councilman Franklin A. Sprague. At Large Abel B. Munroe. Respectfully submitted. In the Committee, L. A. Senie, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence April 16. Came up concurred.

Mount Hope
Cemetery
Trustees.

The ballots having been taken and counted for three Trustees of Mount Hope Cemetery, it appeared that the whole number of ballots were 11. Having for choice E. Adams, N. Stevens had 2, Samuel P. Sprague 1, L. A. Senie 1 and J. H. Smith 1. Ralph M. Nightman and S. Abel B. Munroe 2. Frederic Sprague, Sprague, and Nightman were chosen. Sent down for concurrence.

Metropolitan
Railroad.

Upon the petition of the Metropolitan Railroad Company for leave to extend their location at the South Section of the City by the construction of a single track in Southampton Street, from Cement & Lime Railway line, as through Burden Street with curves at each end, and also through the existing part of Southampton Street from the line in Street to the existing line for a turnout in Cement Street between Southampton Street and the Roxbury line with side tracks to their use.

Alderman Street: also for a right of way on a common revenue from their present terminus to Northampton Street with the necessary curves of connection. - it is Ordered: That the petitioners give fourteen days notice to the Aldermen on said Street that the Board will on Friday, the first day of May next, at ten o'clock, A.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given in publication of the said petition and this order thereon three times in each of the daily papers of this City.

On motion of Alderman Paul the Board took from the table the order of the Common Council contemplating an increase of pay for the Fire Department and said order was thereupon referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A new Ordinance in relation to the Common Public Squares and Public Garden providing for the immediate election of a Superintendent of the same, came up from the Common Council. Read and laid on the table.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to remove a portion of the Board fence across the westerly end of Rutland Street. Read twice and passed.

The reports of the Steward Officers for the several Districts of this City were received and placed on file.

A license was granted to Jonas H. Clark to deal in Second Hand Articles at 18 Battle Street.

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April 13. 1863.

Firemen
pay of

Common &
Superintendent of

Rutland
Street.

Stewards

Second hand
articles.

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April 13. 1863.

Leave was granted to Tell-
ing Brothers to exhibit a Stereopticon at Tremont Temple.

Street.

Now.

Whereas the necessity and
convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that Washington
Street should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to
take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, a
parcel of land belonging to David S. Sargent as follows, viz:
Northwardly by the proposed line of widening of Washington
Street, three machine shops, six feet and two inches wide to
Howard Place two feet and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch; Southwardly by the present line
of Washington Street, thirty six feet and $\frac{5}{8}$ inch; and Southwardly
by the same, two feet and two inches containing ninety square feet more
or less. And whereas the notice has been given of the intention of
this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid,
and as regards to the other persons concerned in the same
to-wit, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same
having been taken and laid out as a public street or way of the
said city - according to a plan of the said widening made by
Henry Kraft, Civil Engineer, dated April 13th 1863. and deposited in the
office of the said Board of Aldermen. In this case the Board do judge
that the expense of widening the said Washington Street as aforesaid,
will amount to eighteen hundred dollars; which sum, together
with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinu-
ances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not
exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Read once

Fourth

Street.

Ordered: That the Board adopt
the width guide of South Street, between Atlantic and B Streets,

as shown on a plan and profile made by the City Engineer, dated 165.
April 13th 1863, and deposited in the office of the Board of Aldermen. April 13/863.
Read once.

Ordered: That the Board accept the plan and profile of
the sewer that between the end of the street and the
plan and profile made by the City Engineer dated April 13. 1863
and deposited in the office of the Board of Aldermen. Read once.

Ordered: That the Committee on Internal Health be authorized to contract with Messrs G. W. & F.
Smith City Stable
with 10 iron and work for barrels and barrels, also iron bars
work for bedding, and two iron sinks for new City Stable on Albany
Street, at a sum not exceeding \$550, five hundred and fifty
dollars. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of New York at Mechanics Hall on Wednesday
the fifteenth day of April, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Lewis,
Clark, Marsh and Denis, and Fenshaw.

Six barrels were shown

to the Justice Court, Criminal Session.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Thurs-
day the sixteenth day of April Anno Domini 1843 by order of the Mayor
Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Rice & Starnes

Metropolitan
Police
were on

Alderman Tyler submitted to the
Board the following Resolved: That the City Council or
some with alarm that a bill to establish in Boston a Police force
other than that now constituted under the existing statute, and to
be placed under the control of the State Executive, is under discus-
sion in the Legislature. That as general laws administered in
local communities by officers of their own selection has been ever
and on essential principle of our free institutions, in our judgment
the police power should be left as at present, to the control of the town
authorities, and inasmuch as a separate & independent board
without responsibility involves expenditure without check, and often
the oppressive exercise of power, its charge should be left to the
Municipal Authorities, who assess the taxes, are accountable for their
economical application, are open to scrutiny, and are liable to be
removed by those who have elected them. That such a project is
unwisely impolitic and unnecessary, as the authorities
now in charge of the Police of Boston have lately instituted a thorough
reform of all that was defective or objectionable in the service,
to the adoption of new rules and regulations, carrying, and it is
believed, judiciously drawn from the best systems of the world,
where they have been subjected to the test of experiment, and it is
that there can be no possibility of a serious complaint in fu-
ture administration. That as the inhabitants of the City at their

last municipal election selected for this council citizens, bound
to carry out the most effective plans in all matters of public
affairs committed to their charge, and especially in this, to deprive
them of the right of self government, which they share with oth-
er parts of the State, would be unwarranted by any thing in their
past history, or credit to any but unreflecting persons, and
be an imputation upon the loyalty, law and order of a com-
munity which has been always justly distinguished, at home
and abroad, for the excellence of its municipal government. Ordered
that the Mayor transmit a copy of the foregoing re-
solve to the Legislative Assembly. Read twice and the ques-
tion being on the passage of said resolve the Yeas and Nays were
taken thereon as follows: Yeas Aldermen Know, Clark, Davis, An-
drew, Smith, Joseph, Paul, Spinney, Standish and John H. Sym-
onds. 20 said resolution was unanimously adopted. And drawn for
concurrence. Smith, Davis & concurred. This is a copy of the
order of the Mayor April 17. 1863.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, PM.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Mon-
day the twentieth day of April, Anno Domini, 1863.
Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Independent Com-
pany of Cavalry for use of Fitchburg Railroad Hall for Barracks

168. Laid. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

June 2, 1861
House

Petition of Joseph G. Lindsay
for leave to keep an intelligence office at 35 Everett Street. Referred
to the Committee on Finance.

Bingham
Eng.

Petition of Albert Bingham and
George Henry for appointment as Highways of town. Referred to the
Committee on Finance.

Bay State
Road

Petition of Bay State Iron Company
that the road from the company's store may be appointed as a
Highway. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Hathorne

Petition of Jacob A. Hathorne for an
extension of his omnibus line to Fenny Street and for the estab-
lishment of a new line on Belmont Street. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Finance.

Brigham

Petition of Peter B. Brigham that
the Lancaster Street sewer may be repaired or rebuilt. Referred
to the Committee on Sewers.

Hardy

Petition of Stephen Hardy and others
trustees, that a sewer may be laid in Hawley Street. Referred to the
Committee on Sewers.

Brown

Petition of Edward J. Brown and
others that Albany Street, south of Dover Street, may be completed.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Smith

Petition of Henry Smith that
certain portions between the intersection of the new
Avenue, called Lincoln Place and Stevens Place, may be accepted.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of J. A. Hathorne for 109.
leave to build a stable for two hundred horses on Genoy Street. April 20. 1863.
Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Sullivan.

Petition of Officers of the Dis- Discharged
charged Soldiers Home that the grounds around that building may Soldiers Home.
be put in order. Referred to the Committee on the Common re.

Petition of Annie C. Lombard Lombard.
and others to be heard, before any subsidy is granted to the East E. B. Ferris
Boston Series. Read and laid on the table.

Petition of Meredith A. Sullivan Sullivan
to be indemnified for loss of a coupon to a certificate of City Stock
of \$400, due April 1. 1863. Referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent
down for concurrence. April 23. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Claims, to Lundy
whom was referred the petition of Julia Doherty to be refunded the
sum of \$750.00 paid into the County Treasury in the case of Richard,
her late husband. That it appears by the records of the Superior
Court, a certified extract from which is submitted herewith, that in
the year 1854 one Richard acknowledged with two sureties to answer
to an indictment, and that Richard was defaulted. Thereupon the pro-
secutor of one of the sureties was attached, and the Doherty served a writ
to dissolve that attachment, but the party for whom he gave it, refused
to protect him, and he was obliged to pay the judgment, which am-
ounted to \$117.25. Upon petition of Mrs. Doherty the Court reheard the
matter at its next term, and for satisfactory reasons, ordered the re-

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Feb 20 1863 Payment of \$750.00 to Mr. Scherdy. The Committee therefore recommended the passage of the accompanying order. In the Committee
Resolved: That there be paid to John Scherdy, in accordance with a decree of the Superior Court at the February term 1862, the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, and that the same be charged to the appropriation to the County of Suffolk.
Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence. April 23. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 25 1863.

Bury

Ordered: That there be paid to Mr. Bury Assistant Clerk in the Judges office, for extra services during the financial year 1862 to, two hundred and fifty dollars, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Salaries. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. April 23. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 25 1863.

Swers

The Committee appointed to nominate a candidate for Superintendent of Swers, has honor to recommend William A. Bradley as a suitable person to fill that office. In the Committee Peter Smith, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. April 23. Came up concurred.

Swers

The ballot having been taken and counted for a Superintendent of Swers in place of Simon B. Smith, assigned it appeared that William A. Bradley was chosen. Sent down for concurrence.

Overseers
of the Poor

The Overseers of the Poor submitted to the City Council a statement that the sum of \$4800 would be required to aid poor persons who have no legal settlement in this State. In common council. Read and sent up. Read and placed on file.

be, appointed to take into consideration the Auditor's Estimate for the next financial year, (from 1st of May 1863 to 31st April, 1864,) have duly considered the same, and have voted to recommend to the City Council

April 20, 1863.
Appropriation
Bill.

the adoption of the Estimate as reported by the Auditor, with the following alterations, viz:— Deduct from the County of Suffolk \$95,000, which will leave the appropriation at \$175,000, the same as the present year; and which amount so near as we can now judge, will be sufficient.

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Very little of this Expenditure, however, is under the control of the City Authorities, and is consequently a very uncertain item. Deduct from the Estimates of the Directors of Public Institutions (which Estimates were handed in after the Auditor's were sent to the City Council) \$10,000 for alterations and repairs on the Lunatic Hospital Building at South Boston, which expense this Committee do not think it advisable to incur this year. Also \$5,000 from their General Estimate and \$5,000 in all. This will allow them \$175,000 for the year's service, which this Committee think will be sufficient, it being \$5,000 more than their allowance for the present year. To the Auditor's Estimate for the Police Department, the Committee have added \$11,000, making the appropriation for that important branch of the City Service \$26,000, being about \$6,000 more than their estimated expenditure for the present year. The Auditor's Estimate for the State Tax is \$60,000. This amount the Committee have not altered, although present appearances indicate that an addition of \$100,000 to 200,000 will be required for that purpose. This item, however, will probably be fixed with certainty by the Legislature before the final passage of the appropriation Bill by the City Council. The changes here proposed would in a net deduction from the Auditor's Estimate of the General Fund making the net Estimated Expenditure, income deducted, amount to \$328,810, being

an excess over last year of \$355,112.50, which excess is mostly ac-
 counted for by the extra requirements for Indebted, State Tax, and the
 Reduction of the City Debt, (one hundred thousand dollars,) which
 extra items amount to \$315,000. The committee recommend the pass-
 age of the bill annexed hereto, except making the appropriation and
 the other provisions the same as heretofore. In the com-
 mittee, J. M. Lincoln, Jr. Chairman. An order relating to the Specific
 Appropriation for the financial year 1864. It is now referred to
 the City Council, That to defray the expenditures of the City, from
 the 1st day of July, of the financial year which will com-
 mence with the 1st day of July, 1863, and end with the last day
 of April, 1864, the following sums of money be and the same are
 hereby respectively appropriated for the objects and purposes as explain-
 ed in the Auditor's Estimate, and in the application of the various
 committees and boards contained and printed in this Document.
 And it is further enacted, That no money shall be expended, and
 no debts be incurred for any object or purpose, for which a specific
 appropriation is herein made, beyond the amount which is ap-
 propriately appropriated; provided, however, that any sums of money
 which may be credited or contributed to individuals to pre-
 vent the effect of any of the various appropriations, and which
 are a part of the estimated income of the City, may be and
 it is applied, according to the intention of the Committee, and
 shall be credited to said appropriations accordingly; that is to
 say:

For the same - Five thousand dollars	5000.00
Advertising and Newspapers Three thousand dollars	3000.00
Amusements One thousand five hundred dollars	1500.00
Bells and Clocks One thousand five hundred dollars	1500.00
Burial Grounds Three thousand five hundred dollars	3500.00

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sixty thousand dollars, 160,000.00

200,000,00

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174. Public Institution One hundred and seventy-five
thousand dollars 175,000.00
April 20. 1863

Printing and Stationery - Seventeen thousand dollars 17,000.00

Reserve Fund - Forty-five thousand dollars 45,000.00

Schools and School House - Two hundred and twenty-
four thousand one hundred

and seventy-five dollars, 424,175.00

Amount - the Public Institutions.

State Tax - Six hundred thousand dollars 600,000.00

Stews and Drains - Twenty thousand dollars 20,000.00

Salaries - Ninety five thousand dollars 95,000.00

Unliquidated Claims - Fifty thousand dollars 50,000.00

Widening and Extending Streets - Fifty thousand dollars 50,000.00

Water Works - including Interest on cost of the works five
hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars 575,000.00

Other Expense - Fifteen thousand dollars 15,000.00

\$ 3,864,210.00

Say Three million eight hundred and sixty four two hundred
and ten dollars Memorandum by the Auditor. From

the amount appropriated to the preceding vote viz: \$ 3,864,210.00

Deduct amount of Estimated Income, as stated on

page 20

823,400.00

We have the amount to be raised by taxation viz: \$ 3,040,810.00

To raise this amount will, in the opinion of the

Auditor require a tax of \$ 3,235,000.00

From which, after deducting Abatements, Losses, and
amounts which will not be realized by the Treasury,

at the close of the year, Say

190,100.00

We have the balance required, viz:

\$ 3,040,810.00

In Common Council. Passed with these amendments at A insert 175
Back Bay Commission, five thousand dollars at B strike out Com April 20. 1863
mon fifteen thousand dollars at C strike out six hundred thous-
and dollars and insert seven hundred and fifty six thousand
dollars. Came up for concurrence. Read and this Board concurred
therein with the following amendment at B. insert "Common to fif-
teen thousand dollars". Sent down for concurrence. April 23. Came up
concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 25. 1863.

An Order laying a Tax to de-
pay the expenses of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk,
for the financial year 1863. Ordered, that the sum of three mil-
lion two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars be raised on
the Poll and Estate of the Inhabitants of this City, according to
law, to pay the current expenses of the City of Boston and County of
Suffolk, during the financial year which will commence with the
first day of Jan, 1863 and end with the last day of Dec, 1864. Pass-
ed in Common Council with these amendments at D insert
"three" instead of "two" at E insert "eighty" instead of "thirty five".
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with this amend-
ment strike out "three hundred and eighty" and insert "four hun-
dred". Sent down for concurrence. April 23. Came up concurred.
Approved by the Mayor April 25. 1863.

Tax

Petition of George Jennie and
others for an abatement of a nuisance existing in the back yard
of Charles Bird and adjacent to the ground of the Massachusetts
General Hospital. Referred to the Committee on Internal Affairs.

Jennie

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The United States Harbor Com-

Feb 22. 1863
United States
Harbor
Commissioners

missioners submitted their bill upon the charges of consti-
tution in Boston Harbor and submitted a plan for the improvement
of the South Boston Free Quail on the table and ordered to be prin-
ted.

The Bond of William H. Blake

constable
bond.

a constable, having been already approved by the City Treas-
urer and approved by the Board. Approved by the Mayor
April 21. 1863

Linden
Street.

The order submitted to the Board

on the 13th instant for the adoption of the grade of Linden Street
was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor April
23. 1863

Tenth
Street.

The order submitted to the Board

on the thirteenth instant for the adoption of the revised grade
of Tenth Street between Atlantic and 9th Street, was read a second
time and passed. Approved by the Mayor April 22. 1863

Smith

The order submitted to the

Board on the thirteenth instant for the Committee on Internal
Health to contract with G. W. and J. Smith for horse rack work at the
City Hall at a sum not exceeding five hundred and fifty dollars
was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor
April 21. 1863

Washington
Street

The order and plan submitted to

the Board on the thirteenth instant to widen Washington Street by
taking land of David Snow were read a second time and passed.
Approved by the Mayor April 22. 1863

A notice was received from 197.
the Common Council that Mr. Van Hook had been appointed in
the Committee on Ordinances in place of John C. Tucker resigned. That Mr. Van Hook was appointed in the committee on Public
Lands and on Soldiers Relief in place of John C. Tucker resigned.
Read and placed on file.

Agreeably to assignment the School
ward assembled in convention with the School Committee to elect
a member of said committee in place of Mr. Kimball of health
ward resigned and the Chair having appointed Alderman Standish
and Messrs Haynes and Dennie a Committee to receive sort and
count the votes for said member they reported that the whole num-
ber of ballots was 56, all of which were given for Charles Edward
Clark, who was accordingly elected for the remainder of this Munic-
ipal Year.

The Committee on Internal Health
to whom was referred the petition of Malachi Clark for a watering li-
cense report that leave be granted to water Washington Street from
Dick Street to N^o 186, and from N^o 228 on said street to Pine Street,
and from Washington to Adams, Springfield, Franklin, Dick Sum-
ner Avenue, Bedford, and High, Adams, Albany, and Bennett,
Marshall, Kelly, Mason, Greenhouse from Dick to Summer, Survey,
Cedar and LaGrange Place, with salt water. For the Committee,
H. W. Clark, Chairman. Read and accepted.

A lease of all the rooms in
the second third and fourth stories of the "Bridge Estate" in Sum-
ner Row with certain specified exceptions, to Samuel L. Dole for
three years from April 1st 1863 at an annual rent of five hundred
dollars was approved by the Board.

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April 20, 1863.

House

Market

cases

Boston

Natural History

Society

A lease of room N^o 8 in the east wing
corner of the Old State House to Felix Hubbard of Charlestown for three
years from April 1st 1863, at an annual rent of six hundred dol-
lars was approved by the Board.

According to the report of the Com-
mittee on the Market case was granted to Abram Gibbs to transfer
to Thomas Leaton his lease of cellar N^o 1. Faneuil Hall Market; also
to R. G. Muckintosh to transfer his interest in the lease of Shells
and oysters and cellar N^o 18. Faneuil Hall Market to the Island.

The Committee on the Commons and
Public Grounds, to whom was referred the petition of the Boston Society
of Natural History that their property in this city may be incor-
porated in the defense of the city, beg leave to report. The committee
have given the subject careful consideration, and in this opinion
in the Society from its character and the very liberal manner in
which it administered the same claims upon the public. But in
the minds of the Committee there was a doubt of the right of the
City Council to appropriate money for the improvement of property
not returning to the city. As was, however, in 1850 that is the
direct grant could not legally be made, the income of a dona-
tion to the city, the Boston Society could be used in the purpose
proposed. Upon an examination of the document by which that do-
nation was made we find it expressed as follows: "I give to said
city the sum of twenty thousand dollars as a trust fund the income
from which shall be annually expended to clean and embellish
the streets and Public Squares in said City." As the Natural History
Society grounds are not a "Public place" the Committee were again
in doubt, and submitted the whole matter to the City Solicitor, for

when they received a written opinion, herewith submitted, that
the City cannot legally use the Bill. June 20. 1863
Under these circumstances the committee on Finance have
consequently recommended that the Bill be not
drawn for the Committee, Old Mayor, Chairman Read and accepted

Notice was received from the Common
Council that there were four vacant seats in that Board.
viz: the seats of four members in Ward No. 11. And thereupon
Ordered: That a Warrant be issued for a meeting of the legal Voters of
Ward No. 11 at their Ward Room, Common Council, on Wednesday the 24th
day of April instant, at twelve o'clock, M. to give in their ballots
for four members of the Common Council to fill the existing vacancies
in that body from said Ward. It is to be voted for on one Ticket. The
tickets to be kept open until five o'clock, P.M.

Ordered: That the Chief of
Police be directed to relight the candles and shutters No. 120, 121, 122,
123, 124, 125, 126, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132 and 133. Milk Street and the citable on the north
easterly corner of Broad and Milk Streets, to furnish new edge-stones
to support the sidewalk in front of their estates on Milk Street within
in twenty days. And that, in default thereof the same will be done
by the City at their expense, according to law.

The Common Council Mount Hope
having elected Samuel S. Sprague and Franklin S. Sprague,
Justices of Mount Hope Cemetery in concurrence with this Board;
and having also chosen Henry S. Nickles a Justice at large in place
of John H. Nightman chosen to this Branch, said election came up
in concurrence and the ballots having been taken and counted
in said Justice it appeared that the whole number was 12. Necessary

180. for a chair? Joseph H. Traftman had 3. & J. H. Huber 4. Now
April 20. 1863. Little & and there was no chair: a second chair having been
attended with the same result further action was postponed to Mon-
day next.

March

Agreeably to the report of the Com-
mittee on Licenses leave was granted to J. C. Wheeler to exhibit a circus
company at East and South Boston on or about April 23^d and 24th.

Fitchburg

May

Johnson

On the several petitions of Fitch-
cock and Tuttle for leave to enter the Common Sewer in Newton Street
of William L. Shaw for permission of excavation & placement of sewer
in Lockwood Avenue, and of George H. Robinson and others that
a sewer be laid in the emergency running from Locke to Spring
field streets the committee on Sewers advised leave to be withdrawn.
Read and accepted.

Coventry

Agreeably to the report of the Com-
mittee on Licenses Elias D. Ellis and John Hume were appointed
Coal Weighers in this City.

Second hand

articles

Agreeably to the reports of the Com-
mittee on Licenses Nichols and Avery were licensed to deal in
Second hand articles at 165 Fulton Street and a similar license
was granted to Charles Gallagher at 102 Charlestown Street.

May

Ordered: That there be paid to
David Snow the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, for land tak-
en to widen Huntington Street at the corner of Emerald Street, and
for whatever right he has in and to that portion of land in said
place which lies between the former line of said street and the
line of widening as proposed by the City Engineer upon his original

to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening said street. And once.

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April 20. 1863.

Ordered: That there be paid

Deshon.

to Daniel Deshon and Elisha Atkins, as Trustees of Luther Elton, the sum of one hundred and fourteen and five cents, to be used taken to extend Gold Street, from C. to D. Street in the year 1862, upon their giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening said street. And once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall, on Thursday the twenty third day of April, Anno Domini, 1863.
Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Hinshaw and Hull.

Petition of the Eastern Railroad Company for leave to establish a signal gate near their draw bridge over Charles River in this city, pursuant to the Act of April 4, 1862. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Eastern

Railroad

Petition of the Boston & Lowell

Board of Public Works to have a right of way over the
 land in the City of Boston in the County of Middlesex
 for the purpose of building a bridge over the River Charles
 at the place where the same crosses the same. Referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Wm.

Six barrels of fuel were drawn

for the first session of the Superior Court.

File.

Petition of John and Anne

for an omnibus line at East Boston to run to and from Chelsea
 Bridge. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Public

School Street

Petition of School Committee that

the pavement around and near the High School may
 be changed to provide the use of public land. Referred to the
 Committee on Paving.

Barnino

Water

and

The Committee on Internal

Improvement have referred the petition of Barnino and others
 and others for water a petition of Washington that by
 land with archimede water pipe that have been granted to water
 Washington that from 1864 to 1872 inclusive, &c. &c. In the Com-
 mittee Moses Clark. Read and accepted.

Public

Public

The Committee on Public

have referred the petition of the Barnstable County Hospital
 for a reduction of their water rates, have considered the same,
 and have referred the same to the Committee, although well aware
 of the legal restriction which has hitherto prevented the City from
 granting any application for a reduction of the water rates, in view
 of the important character of the institution now suffering and
 in great public benefit it confers, especially in the case of the

minutes refer to the sick poor, gave careful attention to the petition, 183
and also gave a hearing to some of the Trustees of the Hospital. The
one presented being the same as was presented in our other order,
the Committee deemed it proper to procure upon it the written opin-
ion of the City Solicitor, which they obtained. The Committee
concur in its conclusions as to the legal position of the city, and there-
fore respectfully recommend that the petitioners have leave to with-
draw. In the Committee. In the Standing Committee. Read and
accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. In City
Document 184.

On the petition of George Den-
nie and others for the abatement of a nuisance on the flats near
the Massachusetts General Hospital the following orders were
adopted - viz: - Ordered: that the Committee on Health should
be authorized, with the approval of the Committee on Daving to take
up one portion of the sidewalk of South Charles Street as they may
deem necessary and fill the space beneath the same with earth
to abate a nuisance on the flats adjacent to the Mass. General Hos-
pital and the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Pub-
lic Health.

Ordered: That the Superintend-
ent of Streets be authorized to grant the Superintendent of Health
a permit to take up the sidewalk adjacent to the Charles Street
Bridge to allow the same to be filled up. Said to remove a nuis-
ance caused by the leakage of water over the house dirt pile
on the landing of the Mass. General Hospital. Approved by the Mayor
April 25, 1865

Adjourned to Monday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

Dennie

Charles Street

Indy

Charles Street

Indy

184.

1600.

The Maya, and all the Aldermen.

Aug.
1888

On nomination by the Mayor
the following have been appointed and confirmed as peace offi-
cers of the City with all the powers of Constables except the power
of arresting and executing civil process and they are also appoint-
ed to the office to them respectively designated - George S. Erickson,
Chief of Police - George H. Jones, District Clerk of Police - Timothy J.
Carr, Superintendent of Parks and Gardens - Eric George H. Oliver - Sam-
uel Schuch, John W. Allen, Andrew Lincoln, Fredrick Beckley, David Con-
nealy, Patrolmen.

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Leather
Measure

Head & Buck
measured

Specimen
The

Superintendent of Special Police Office in the Common, Public House
and Public Garden.

1st.
April 27, 1863.
Constable.

On nomination by the Mayor
George W. River was appointed and confirmed as a Constable.

Petition of William L. Park for
reimbursement of his tax for 1862. Referred to the Committee on the
Assessors' Department on part of this Board.

Park

Petition of J. L. Newton and
others that petition and claims shall may be accepted. Referred
to the Committee on Paving.

Newton.

Petition of Stebbins and In-
derson for leave to take up a portion of the sidewalk in Charlestown
Street, in order to accommodate the removal of machinery. Referred
to the Committee on Paving.

Stebbins

Petition of A. Harris & Co and others
that the sidewalk on India Street from Milk to Federal Streets may
be widened. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Harris

Petition of Suffolk Railroad
Company for an extension of their location to a track through the
the end of State Street and in Boston Street, Park Street & Church
Street, to track of Cambridge Railroad, also through Boston Street to North
Street instead of their present location through Washington Street to
North Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Suffolk
Railroad

Petition of United States and
of General Anderson to be paid for grade damages on the end
of Boston Street and to be paid. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Anderson
Boston

April 27, 1863
Upon.

Petition of Samuel Rogers and others that the assessment for construction of a Sewer in Hamilton Street, may be avoided, because they claim their estates through the Head Street Sewer. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

May

Petition of Charles F. Dow, trustee, for the removal of the Sewer from the lot now in question. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

June

Petition of J. F. Brown for the postponement of the collection of assessment upon the May estate for Sewer in Telegraph Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Bigelow

Petition of George T. Bigelow and others that a Bridge may be constructed over the Pond in the Public Garden. Referred to the Committee on Common R.

Hawley
Street

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Board will, on Monday next at 10 o'clock, A.M. take into consideration the expediency of constructing the Common Sewer in Hawley Street near Franklin and of assessing the expense thereof upon the persons who may own their portions of land in the Common Sewer, or who, by any more remote means, shall receive any benefit thereby. Any person, making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

May

Petition of Edward B. Hays and others for the payment of the second installment on his purchase of a lot in the State Dry Dock, may be granted. Referred to the Board of Land Commissioners. Not shown in concurrence. May 1863

up concurred.

187.

April 27 1863

The Board of Land Commis-
sioners to whom was referred the petition of George P. Dudley to be refunded
the inducement paid on lots on Swan street, which he was re-
fited to the City, having duly considered the subject, would submit
the following report. The Commissioners find upon examination that in
no case where land has become forfeited to the City for non-compli-
ance of the conditions of sale, has any of the money paid on the
lands as given to the purchaser, been refunded. Now therefore we
commend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. In the Commis-
sioners, this time, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for
concurrence. May 1, came up concurred.

Indur.

Ordered: That a commit-

East Boston
ferries

tee of five with such of the Board of Aldermen may join be a
committee to take into consideration the subject of making a fund
or appropriation to secure to the people of East Boston the toll mark-
ed "B" in City Document 45, of the year 1862, including the charge of
one cent each for all passengers transported on the South Railroad,
and the running of a night boat and Messrs. Peckham, Sum-
ton, Ryan, Hale and Richardson were appointed to said commit-
tee. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred, and Aldermen
Stacey, Rice and Stevens were joined. Reported by the Mayor April
28. 1863.

John M. Moriarty,

Sal

Sal Physician submitted to the Board his quarterly report for the quar-
ter ending March 31. Read and sent down. In Common Council.
Placed on file.

Physician

Petition of Capt. Stephen Cabot

Cabot

that the City would provide a suitable recruiting office for the

known that the population of the District continues to increase in
struction to raise and increasing to even an extent as to demand
constant augmentation of the school facilities. Three of the schools
the District are now kept in what is known as the "Old Gun House",
which, together with the lot upon which it stands is owned by the city.
The building is out of repair, and cannot be made to accommodate
more than three classes. The school, however, is used, and is in use
and has its separate school room, and is used as a school room.
On this lot the committee recommended the erection of a school house of
eight rooms, which it is believed, will satisfy the present wants of
the District. They therefore respectfully request the passage of the re-
solving as follows: Resolved, That the Committee, John S. Tyler, Chairman. Ordered:
That the Committee in their minutes do state that they have directed
it to erect, according to a plan approved by the Committee on Public
Instruction, a Primary Schoolhouse of not more than eight rooms, upon the
"Gun House Lot" located, at an expense not exceeding fifteen thousand
and no more. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby is author-
ized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the
sum of fifteen thousand Dollars, the same to be appropriated
to the erection of a Primary Schoolhouse in the Eastern District. In
Common Council. Passed Yeas 37. Nays none. Came up for concur-
rence. Read and concurred. Vias Aldermen Imory, Clark, Denis,
Annand, Church, Strong, Hall, Price, Sperry, Standish, Brown, J. W.
12. Stone. Approved by the Mayor April 28. 1863.

Ordered: That the Committee on
the subject of the lot be requested to report at the next meet-
ing of the Council. Read in common council. Came up for
concurrence. Read & concurred. Approved by the Mayor April 28. 1863.

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April 27th 1883.
Quincy
School House

A request from the School Committee that the Horse House may be removed from the Quincy School House land, was referred by the Common Council to the Committee on Public Buildings. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

President
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The Common Council having decided that the same should be paid for by the Board, said action came up for concurrence and the roll having been taken and counted it appeared that the whole number was 12. Necessary for a choice 7. William A. Bradley 6. David Chamberlain 5. Henry H. Wilson 1. To choice. A second roll exhibited the following count. Whole number 12. Necessary for a choice 7. William A. Bradley 6. David Chamberlain 4. Henry H. Wilson 2. To choice. A third ballot resulted as follows. Whole number 12. Necessary for a choice 7. William A. Bradley 8. David Chamberlain 2. Henry H. Wilson 2. To David Bradley was chosen in non concurrence. Went down for concurrence. May 1st came up concurred.

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Petition of Frances C. Field to be compensated for damages to her estate on Bow Street in consequence of the change of grade by the City on Belmont Street. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Went down for concurrence. May 1st came up concurred.

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1

Petition of Emma C. Lombard and others to be heard before any additional subsidy is granted to the East Boston Ferry. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Went down for concurrence. May 1st came up concurred.

The Common Council having 141

concurred in the passage of the Ordinance in relation to that which
was adopted in the said Ordinance with the additional
amendment in Section 6th line 2. after thereof in relation to
doorways and bulkheads. Said action came up for concurrence. Read
and this Board concurred therein. Approved by the Mayor April 28. 1862
(See Record of Ordinances).

April 27. 1862

Ordinance

Ordinance

An Ordinance to regulate the

Ordinance

manufacture and storage of
Kerosene, kerosene oil, Benzole &c. was referred in Common Council
to the Committee on Ordinances. Came up for concurrence. Read and
concurred. (See City Sec. 50.)

Ordered: That the Auditor of

Appropriations

accounts be hereby authorized to make such transfers & appropri-
ations as may be needed in closing up the business of the present fi-
nancial year, which terminates with the 30th instant. Passed in Com-
mon Council. Yeas 37. Nays none. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred. Yeas Aldermen Smiley, Clark, Davis, Johnson, Smith,
Ford, Paul, Rice, Tanner, Hamilton, Stevens, Tyler 12. Nays none.
Approved by the Mayor April 28. 1862

transfers

The Committee on Bridges

Murd.

to whom was referred the petition of the Board and others for com-
pensation for the occupation and use of their wharf while on board
the ship, have considered the same and respectfully recommend
it to the Committee on Bridges. In the Committee room. R.
Binney, Chairman. Read and accepted and referred accordingly.
Sent down for concurrence May 1st Came up concurred.

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The said having been

April 2, 1863
Said City

When presented to the Board of Public Works for their consideration and approval. The Board of Public Works, in their report to the Council, recommended that the same be referred to the Council for their consideration. The Council, on the 1st of May, came up and concurred.

Said

The order submitted to the Board on the 20th instant to pay Daniel Sisson and others, Truckers of Arthur Allen, six hundred and fifteen dollars for land taken to a lot and sold that in 1862, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor April 28, 1863.

Said

The order submitted to the Board on the 20th instant to pay David Snow eighteen hundred dollars for land taken and rights relinquished on Washington Street at corner of Harvard Place, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor April 28, 1863.

Said and David

Upon the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company to have erected a signal gate on their bridge across Charles River in the County of Suffolk, the Board of Public Works, on the 20th of April, 1862, it is hereby ordered: That leave be granted to the said Boston and Lowell Railroad Company to erect a signal gate on their bridge on the Boston side thereof at a point one hundred and fifty feet distant from said draw. Read twice and passed.

Said

Upon the petition of the Eastern Railroad Company to have erected and maintain a signal gate on their Bridge across Charles River in the County of Suffolk, the Board of Public Works, on the 20th of April, 1862, it is hereby ordered: That

have be granted a suit between them. April 27, 1863
Signal gate for their Charles River Drawbridge on the Boston side
thereof at a distance of about 750 feet from said draw - or in the
place now occupied by the first gate on said bridge. Read twice and
passed.

The Committee on Streets Hathorne
when was advised the notice of Messrs. Hathorne's intention to build
a new street, which they intended to be widened, and
that no action is required. Read and recommended to the Com-
mittee on Streets.

Ordered: That Faneuil Hall Ma- National Fast
ket Houses and the public offices connected with the city Govern- Faneuil Hall
ment of this City be closed on Thursday next the 30th instant, the Market.
day assigned for a National Fast.

The Committee on the Fire Firemen's
Department is advised that the Committee on the Firemen's Wages
Bill instructing the Salary Committee to report the Salary bill in
such form as to increase the pay of the firemen, firemen and
drivers of the steam-fire engines, have considered the same, and by
leave to Report. That in their opinion it is inexpedient to increase
the pay of the officers named, at the present time, and that the order
should not pass. To the Committee Small P. Jones, Chairman.
Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the petition of Richard
of the Committee and other papers relating to a proposed extension Secretary
of the Greenwich Street sewer near the street be taken from the Street
files of the last year and referred to the Committee on Sewers.

1844
That the Committee on Finance may be required to submit the
Committee on Finance report that the following have been
done. Read and accepted.

Vote &
Finance
Committee
Agreeably to the report of the
Committee on Finance, there was granted to the
a line of land from any part of land given to the whole
Bridge.

Binney
Finance
The use of Sineuil Hall was granted
to the Binney and others for a Anniversary Festival on the
26th of May next.

Intelligence
The
Leave was granted to Joseph D.
Lindor to keep an Intelligence Office at 25 South Street on the
usual conditions.

Coalweighers
Agreeably to the reports of the
Committee on Finance, there was granted to the
person who was appointed to weigh coal within this city.

Bennington
Street.
Whereas, it appears to this Board
that it is necessary for the construction of a new street in Bennington
Street near Brooks Street, and that public notice of such in-
tention has been given, it is hereby ordered, that the City intend
ent of Finance and it is hereby directed to construct a common
street in said Bennington Street, and to report a schedule of the
expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read once.

Smith
Ordinance.
The Committee on Ordinance
recommend the passage of the accompanying Ordinance, it
being a codification of the several ordinances now in force, in

and amendments; the amendments being in italics. At the 195
committee, Thomas C. Tracy, Jr. Chairman. Read once together with
an ordinance of fifty three sections entitled an ordinance relating
to the Public Health.

Adjourned to Wednesday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

Admiral of the City of New York, and the Board of Health, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the ordinance of the Board of Health, passed on the 18th day of June, 1863.

And all the Aldermen except Aldermen Lewis and
Lyon.

The Mayor nominated to the Board for their confirmation John L. Cadogan and William J. Day of the City of New York, and the question being on the confirmation of said nomination, Aldermen
Lyon and Tracy, the Yeas and Nays thereon which were taken
in favor of said Aldermen were, Yeas, Thirteen, Nays, Two,
and the said nominations were confirmed by the Board.

The Board then adjourned to Friday
the 19th at 10 o'clock, A.M.

In a meeting of the Board
 of the City of London held at the Guildhall on the
 11th day of May 1846.
 Present,
 The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commoners.
 The Mayor presided.

Metropolitan
 Railroad

Agreeably to assignment the
 Board took up the subject of the proposed extension of the Metropolitan
 Railroad. The Metropolitan Railroad Company are the petitioners in
 the matter of notice issued on the 13th ultimo, and it appearing that
 due notice had been given of the pendency of said petition, as re-
 quired, G. F. Edwards Esq. President of the Metropolitan Railroad Com-
 pany stated to the Board the reasons for asking the route propo-
 sed, and he gave notice that he desired a withdrawal of applica-
 tion for the Southampton Street route and to submit himself to the Com-
 mision Street route. W. F. Nichols appeared for himself and others and
 W. L. But appeared for himself and others resident at the South
 Section of the City asking that the prayer of the Railroad Company
 be granted. Samuel Lane appeared for himself and for L.
 W. Gallwey and others and Charles B. Hall and others as remon-
 strants against the Southampton Street route, but as the petitioners
 were willing to abandon that route the remonstrants offered no
 further objection to the prayer of the Railroad Company, and the
 further consideration of the subject was recommended to the Committee
 on Savings.

The
 Council

Ordered: That the following bills for
 services rendered & materials furnished to persons connected di-
 rectly or indirectly with the City Government, be paid provided they
 are approved and allowed in the usual manner, viz: By the Board and

The meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the fourth day of May, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

James

Four Guard and Three Police

James chosen for the United States Circuit Court.

James

Petition of Benjamin Jones for leave to erect Charles Jones and others to erect a building on Internal Health.

Holt.

Petition of Holt, Headman No. 16 for permission to erect a stable for more than four horses on West Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Leeds

Petition of Samuel Leeds and others

that the building under St. Nicholas Street in Broadway, may be discontinued as it is a nuisance. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Leeds

Petition of Phineas Drew for license

to keep the Edward Drew at the Merchant House. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Priest.

Petition of Franklin Priest for per-

mission of erection of a monument for John Priest near Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

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Wade

Petition of William Popes and others

that a sewer built may be widened on the Lawrence estate. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Henry Warren 199.
and others that Green Street may be widened at corner of Hem- May 4, 1863.
ford Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets. Warren.

No person appearing to object
to the proposed construction of a sewer in Hawley Street near Jackson
Street. and subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets.
Hawley
Street

Petition of William Beal for
leave to furnish the usual decorations for the celebration of the Fourth
of July next. Referred to the Committee on Independence. Sent down
for concurrence. May 7. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Ammies Battalion
in which was referred the petition of the Independent company of
cadets for the use of Hingham Railroad Station for battalion drills, have
considered the same and recommend the passage of the accompa-
nying order. For the Committee, John S. Tyler, Chairman. Ordered: That
the Committee on Ammies be authorized to procure the use of Hin-
burg Railroad Station for the battalion drills of the Independent cadets
and the Light Guard, at an expense not exceeding taken during the
night the same, to an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars,
to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and dis-
cellaneous claims. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence
May 7. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor May 8, 1863.

The City Clerk reported that he
had received during the last quarter the sum of two hundred and
five dollars and fifteen cents in fees, which had been paid into the
City Treasury. Read and sent down in Common Council. Placed on file.
City Clerk.

May 2 1863

City
Registrar.

The City Registrar reported that he had received during the last quarter the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, which was sent into the City Treasury. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Sawweigher

The Sawweigher at the North State reported that during the quarter ending April 29 he had received as fee the sum of seven hundred and ten dollars and fifty cents, 75 percent of which he had paid to the Association for which account he had forwarded to an order of the City Council. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Sutter
Sutter

Petition of John S. Sutter, Sutter
Sutter, that a new lot house may be provided for his lot. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence. May 7. Came up concurred.

House

Ordered: That the Mayor be requested to extend the hospitalities of the City to the Hon. Edwin Chase, Secretary of the Treasury, at present in this city. Read in common council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor May 6. 1863.

Word Room

for
Word Room

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to furnish a suitable room in a central location in Ward 10, in a Word Room in place of the school room in the Primmer School house now occupied for that purpose. Read in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 14. 1863.

Assessor

John M. Wright who was chosen
Assessor tendered to the City Council his resignation

of said office. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up
for concurrence. Read and concurred.

201.
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Isidor
G. Sim

The Common Council having
elected George F. Williams as a Com. Justice in place of John
A. Knight resigned, said action came up for concurrence: and the
rolls having been taken and entered in roll of said Council is ap-
proved that said Williams was duly chosen in concurrence

The order submitted to the
Board in the 2^d of April last for the construction of a Sewer in
Pennington Street near Brooks Street was read a second time and
passed. Approved by the Mayor. May 5 1863.

Pennington
Street

Whereas, it appears to this
Board that it is necessary in the construction of a Sewer, in
Hawley Street near Franklin Street, and that public notice of such
intention has been given, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent
of Sewers be and he is hereby directed to construct a common
Sewer in said Hawley Street, and to report a schedule of the
expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read twice and
passed. Approved by the Mayor May 5 1863.

Hawley
Street

Ordered: That the Com-
missioners on Sewers be and they are authorized to take up
the wooden bridge now spanning each of North Charles Street and
to construct said street with sidewalks, at an expense not ex-
ceeding twenty thousand dollars, the same to be charged to the
appropriation for Paving. Read twice and passed.

North Charles
Street

The Bond of George W. Oliver as
Constable of this City having been approved by the City Council

Constables
Bond

It was also approved by the Board of Aldermen. Reported by the
May 4. 1863. Mayor, May 5. 1863.

~~Old Colony~~

South

Street

South

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Street

The Committee on Public Works, to whom
was referred the Description and Plan of the Location of the
Old Colony and Fall River Railroad from Providence Hall to
Exchester Avenue, have examined the same in connection with
the Committee on Paving and other members of the City Govern-
ment, and have conferred with the President of the Railroad
and beg leave to Report: That the most important matter in con-
nection with this location involving the interests of the City is
the grade of South Street and of the end of South Street Bridge,
where the Railroad is built. In the terms of the law the construc-
tion of a bridge across the channel below South Street Bridge
cannot be undertaken except during the first three months of
the year which will prevent anything being done in that respect
this year, and the Committee were assured that it was not the in-
tention of the Railroad company to establish their new location
at present. So that no action will be required on the part of
the City Government during this year at least. The Committee
regard the South Street Bridge as one of the most important en-
croaches in the City especially in view of the rapid growth of South
Boston and of the crucial position of the City proper, and whatever
tends in any measure to impair its security or the ease of travel
over it should be watched with care by those having the interests
of the City in charge. At some future time the question of the
grade of the Old Colony Railroad where it crosses South Street
will be a most important one for the consideration of the Board
of Aldermen, and the Committee recommend it to their careful
attention whenever it is presented. For the Committee, Samuel R. Spin

ny, Chairman. Read and accepted.

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On petition of Kearney and

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Mison for permission to erect and use a Steam Engine of Eight
Horse power at No 136-140 Pearl Street: it was Ordered: That four-
teen days notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested
and that this Board will on Monday the sixteenth day of May
instant at four o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expedi-
ency of granting the prayer of the above petition when any
persons who object thereto may appear and be heard. And no-
tice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and
this order therein in the Boston Daily Advertiser.

Kearney
& Mison

The Bond of William H.

Just of Sewer
Bond.

Bulley, Superintendent of Sewers was approved by the Board
of Aldermen.

Notice was received from the

Accounts
Com^{rs} on

Common Council stating that Horace B. Fisher had been elected
to that body to fill the vacancy existing in the committee on ac-
counts. Read and placed.

Notice was received from the com-

Committee

mon Council that Maria Brown, wife of John Brown and John were
separately appointed on the said committee of which they were mem-
bers previous to the action of the common council in the contested elec-
tion case in Ward 16. Read and placed on file.

Resolved: That the Com-

mission

mon Council do respectfully recommend to the Board of Alder-
men to increase the wages paid to the city carriers in the De-
partment of Internal Sanitation. Passed in common Council. Com-
ing for concurrence. Referred to the committee on Internal Sanitation.

Health

Wages

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Health

Ordinance

Public Health which was submitted to the Board on the 27th ultimo was read a second time and laid on the table and the Board then entered upon the consideration of an Ordinance upon the same subject, which passed in the common Council on the 1st inst. and some differences in circumstance which ordinance is identical in phraseology with the one submitted to this Board except that in Sect. 38 (also Sec 39) the words "and beans" are inserted after "peas". The question being on the passage of said ordinance in concurrence - Alderman Thayer moved to strike out from Sect. 38 the words "and which shall not be otherwise provided for" and insert "if so approved by the Board of Directors for Public Institutions" and the question being on the passage of said amendment and further consideration of the subject was assigned to Monday next.

Prison

On the petition of A. F. Brown for a permanent improvement in construction of a sewer in Michigan Street, the Committee on Sewers reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Second Hand
articles

Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on Licensure the following persons were licensed to deal in second hand articles viz: Benjamin L. Child 14 1/2 North Street, William Curran 41 West Street, G. F. Blanchard 32 North Street, Andrew Anderson 30 North Street, John S. Brown 20 North Street, John S. Brown 20 North Street, J. J. Johnson 22 North Street, Jacob Barnman 23 North Street, John S. Brown 20 North Street, G. F. Blanchard 32 North Street.

Aldermen

The Joint Special Committee of the Board of Directors and the Board of Aldermen, in the current year, have

attended to that duty, and beg leave to recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee. Thomas C. Amory, Jr., Chairman. In Case establishing the Salaries of the Officers of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk, in the year 1854, by the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Boston in City Council assembled, as follows: The Salaries of the several City and County Officers, to be paid beginning on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and as herein mentioned, to be paid quarter yearly, unless herein otherwise ordered. Section 1. The salary of the Mayor shall be as fixed by the convention of the City Council, on the 12th day of November, 1854, viz: at the rate of ^{Two} ~~Five~~ thousand Dollars per annum, commencing with the first Monday of January. The salary of the Town Clerk shall be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum. Sect. 2. The salary of the City Treasurer shall be at the rate of three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, for performing the duties of City and County Treasurer and Collector; and there shall be allowed him the sum of six thousand seven hundred dollars per annum, to be paid his clerk; and he shall account for all fees, moneys, and commission which he shall receive in said capacity. Sect. 3. The salary of the City Engineer shall be at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum. The salary of the Assistant Engineer shall be at the rate of ^A twelve hundred dollars per annum, both to be in full for all their time and services. Sect. 4. The salary of the City Solicitor shall be at the rate of four thousand dollars per annum, it being understood that he shall, out of the said moneys, which are current necessary for the professional service of the City to which he cannot give his personal attention, unless otherwise ordered by the Committee on them. He shall be allowed, for clerk hire and his office expenses, the

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sum of twelve hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 5. The salary of the Auditor of Accounts shall be at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum; and he shall be allowed for clerk hire the sum of two hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 6. He shall be allowed to the senior clerk in his office twelve hundred dollars, and to the junior clerk one thousand dollars; and he shall account for all sums of money received by him in said capacity. Sect. 7. The salary of the City Clerk shall be at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum; and he shall be allowed the further sum of twenty-five hundred dollars to be paid to his assistant clerk, one of whom shall be required to prepare the annual voting list, and he shall account for all fees for recording mortgages of personal property, and for all other sums of money received in his official capacity. Sect. 8. The salary of the clerk of the common council shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. He shall be allowed for clerk hire one hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 9. There shall be paid to a clerk, who shall act as Secretary to the common council, and as a special commissioner of the city council, when requested to do so, and perform such clerical duties as may be required of him by the Mayor, Aldermen, or common councilmen, a salary at the rate of fourteen hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 10. The salary of the City Registrar shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed one thousand dollars per annum, to be paid his principal and assistant clerks and fifty dollars per annum for an assistant clerk; and he shall account for the all moneys received for entering and publishing intentions of marriage, and for interments of the dead; and for his Assistant Registrar he shall before a sum not exceeding ten cents for information furnished concerning

each birth. Sect. 10. The salary of the Water Registrar shall be at the rate of ²⁰⁷ ~~one thousand~~ hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 11. The salary of the Harbor Master shall be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum. Sect. 12. The salary of the Librarian of the Public Library shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 13. The salary of the City Physician shall be at the rate of ^E eighteen hundred dollars per annum. ^F Sect. 14. The salary of the City Physician shall be at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum, and he shall be allowed sufficient house room, fuel and fire, for himself and his family. Sect. 15. The salary of the Mayor of the City Council shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum. The salary of the Aldermen shall be at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 16. There shall be paid to a Porter, whose duty it shall be to make all the fires, and do all the cleaning necessary in the City Government rooms, in Mechanics Building, the sum of one hundred and dollars per annum; and there shall be paid to a Porter, whose duty it shall be to make all the fires and do all the cleaning necessary in the offices occupied by other departments of the City Government, (not including those in Mills Block,) seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum; and there shall be paid to a Porter, whose duty it shall be to make all the fires and do all the cleaning necessary in the City Building, (so called,) the sum of two hundred dollars per annum; the whole to be done to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. Sect. 17. The salary of the Chief of Police shall be at the rate of two thousand two hundred dollars per annum; and he shall be allowed the use of a horse and chair at the City expense. The salary of the Deputy shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum.

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218. unum. The salary of the Clerk of the Police Department shall be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly. The salary of the Captains of Police shall be at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly. The salary of the Sergeants of Police shall be at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per day, payable monthly. The salary of the Sergeants of Police shall be at the rate of two dollars and twenty five cents per day, payable monthly. The salary of the Officers of the Selective Force shall be two dollars and fifty cents per day, payable monthly. The salary of the officers of the Lock up under the Court House shall be at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per day, payable monthly. The salary of the Superintendent of Trucks and Carriages shall be at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per day, payable monthly. The salary of the Superintendent of Trucks and Wagons shall be at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per day, payable monthly. The salary of the Superintendent of Pawnbrokers shall be at the rate of two dollars per day, payable monthly. Sect. 18. The salary of each of the officers appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen to take charge of transient and vagrant children, shall be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, to be paid monthly. All fees received by the officers mentioned in this and the preceding section, for attendance as witnesses or any other service, except as provided in the Police Ordinance, or in the Police Rules and Regulations, shall be returned by the officer paying the same to the City Treasurer, who shall first deduct the amount thereof from the amount of the award, before paying the same. Sect. 19. The salary of the Superintendent of the Public Library shall be at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum. Sect. 20. The salary of the Superintendent of the Public Library shall be at the rate of thirteen hundred dollars per annum; and he shall act as Secretary

to the Committee on Rivers and Drains; and he shall be allowed to 209.
use, at the expense of the City, a horse and chaise, provided the bill May 4, 1863
for the same be approved by the Chairman of the Committee on
Rivers and Drains; but the amount shall not exceed two hundred
dollars per annum. Sect. 21. The salary of the Superintendent of Health
shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum,
and he shall act as Secretary to the Committee on Rivers and
the Committee on Paving shall have power to furnish him with
a horse and chaise, at the expense of the City, and have the same
paid at the City rates, for which they shall approve the bill. Sect. 22.
The salary of the Superintendent of Public Buildings shall
be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum; and he shall
act as Secretary to the Committee on Public Buildings, and he shall
be allowed to hire, at the expense of the City, a horse and chaise,
provided the bill for the same be approved by the Chairman of
the Committee on Public Buildings, but the amount shall not ex-
ceed two hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 23. The salary of the Su-
perintendent of Public Lands shall be at the rate of fifteen hun-
dred dollars per annum, and he shall act as Secretary to the
Commissioners on Public Lands. Sect. 24. The salary of the Super-
intendent of Health shall be at the rate of seventeen hundred
dollars per annum. And the Committee on Internal Health shall
have the power to furnish him with a horse and chaise at the
expense of the City, and have the same paid at the City rates.
The salary of his Assistant shall be at the rate of one thousand
dollars per annum; and he shall account for all sums of money
received by him as such, in connection with his office, and he shall
also act as Secretary to the Committee on Internal Health. Sect. 25.
The salary of the Superintendent of Animals and Birds shall be

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day 4. 1863. or at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and he shall
account for all sums of money raised by him in his official
position. The salary of the Deputy Superintendent shall be at the
rate of nine hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Sec. 20. The
salary of the Superintendent of the ~~City~~ ^{City} shall be at the rate of
four hundred dollars per annum. He shall account for and
pay over all sums of money received by him for the City in his
official capacity. Sec. 21. The salary of the Superintendent of
Chung shall be at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum,
and he shall be allowed the sum of two hundred dollars per
annum, to be paid a clerk, which sum shall be in full for any
services he may render for the delivery of oil in that department.
Sec. 22. The salary of the Superintendent of the Grand Crossing
Iron Avenue Bridge shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars
per annum, which salary shall be in full for his services, and
for all and any assistants he may employ. Sec. 23. The salary of
the Superintendent of the Federal Steel Bridge shall be at the
rate of thirteen hundred dollars per annum, and he shall be
allowed the use of the shop on said bridge, rent free, and a horse at
the City expense, for the purpose of opening and closing the draw.
The said compensation and privileges to be in full for his services
and the services of such assistants as he may employ. Sec. 24. The
salary of the Superintendent of the Green Steel Bridge shall be
at the rate of seven hundred dollars per annum, and he shall be
allowed the use of the house on said bridge, rent free. The said
compensation and privileges to be in full for services of himself and
assistants. Sec. 25. The salary of the Superintendent of the Hamilton
Steel Bridge shall be at the rate of five hundred dollars per an-
num, the same to be in full for his services and the services of

Such assistants as he may employ. Sect. 32. The salary of the Superintendent of the Causee Street Bridge shall be at the rate of two hundred ⁶dollars per annum, the same to be in full for his services and the services of such assistants as he may employ. Sect. 33. The salary of the Superintendent of the Steam shall be at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum. Sect. 34. The salary of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum; and that of the Assistant Engineers shall be at the rate of three hundred and fifty dollars each per annum; that of the Engineer of the Board of Engineers shall be at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum, which shall be in full payment for all the services which may be required of him by the Mayor and Aldermen, the Chief Engineer and the Board of Engineers. The Foremen of the respective Hook and Ladder Companies shall be paid at the rate of one hundred and fifty dollars each per annum. The Assistant Foremen, Cooks, Bakers, and Stewards shall be paid at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five dollars each per annum. The Stewards to Hook and Ladder Companies shall be paid at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five dollars each per annum. All other members of said companies shall be paid at the rate of one hundred dollars each per annum. The men employed upon the Steam Fire Engines shall be paid at the following rates: Engine-men, fifty dollars per month. Firemen and Drivers, fifty dollars per month. Foremen of the Fire, one hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Stewards, one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum. The men employed upon the Hook and Ladder Companies shall be paid at the following rates: Drivers, fifty dollars per month. Foremen, one hundred and fifty dollars per annum. Stewards, one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum. The Fore-

man andeward of said Fire Company shall receive the
sum of fifty dollars per annum and the fireman the sum
of thirty dollars and every other fireman the sum of
twenty dollars. The salary of the Chief Engineer
of the Boston Marine Hospital shall be at the rate of fifteen
hundred dollars per annum; and he shall be allowed sufficient
house room, fuel, and board for himself and his family in said
hospital, which compensation and privileges shall be in full for his
services as Superintendent of said Hospital, and as an Officer to all
the Public Institutions at South Boston. Sect. 36. The salary of the Master
of the State of Correction shall be at the rate of fifteen hundred dol-
lars per annum, and he shall be allowed sufficient house room
in said building, fuel, and board for himself and his family;
but no other fee or privilege shall be allowed him. The salary
of each of the Principal Messes shall be at the rate of sixteen
hundred dollars per annum, including the allowance provided
for by the General Statute of the Commonwealth, and there shall
be allowed this department the further sum of ^{H.} seven thousand
dollars to be paid to each day. The Assistant Messes shall be al-
lowed three dollars for each and every day which they shall sever-
ally devote to the service, but no pay shall be allowed for arri-
ving assessments beyond an actual service of five days. The salary
of the Fire Alarm Messes shall be at the rate of four dollars for each
and every day which they shall actually devote to the service
on each duty; but no pay shall be allowed for arriving assessments
beyond an actual service of five days. The number of said days' ser-
vice of the Fire Alarm Messes and Fire Alarm Messes shall be certified,
according to the Ordinance, Sect. 38. The salaries¹ of the Assistant Clerk
of the Supreme Judicial Court and of the Assistant Clerk of the Superi-
or Court for civil business, shall be as follows: To the Justices of the Peace

court, one hundred and fifty dollars each for service under the 41st 213
and 42nd Chapter of the General Statute, which may be imposed Nov. 4, 1863
upon them under Chapter 20th Statute of 1862. To the Justices of the Su-
preme Court, for all services under the 18th Chapter of the General Statute,
in discharging per persons held for fine and cost, for draw for writ
such while actually attending to that duty, they to provide all clerical
labor required therein. To the Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Judicial
Court, fifteen hundred dollars per annum. To the Assistant Clerk of the
Superior Court for civil business, eighteen hundred dollars per annum.
The salaries of the conductors of the Police Court shall be as established
by the Statute of 1862, Chapter 24, 17: fifteen hundred dollars per annum.
Enacted: That whenever any person in the employ of the City shall
demand payment for his salary, or any part thereof, it shall be the
duty of the Auditor and City Treasurer to deduct therefrom any and
all sums due from such officer to the City. Read once

The Committee appointed to City
consider the expediency of establishing the office of City Architect,
more attended to that duty and by law a report. That the City
of Boston owning and maintaining as it does, a large number of
public buildings of various descriptions, has almost constant de-
mand for the services of an architect a versatile and efficient, in
altering or improving those buildings, or in furnishing designs
and plans for such new structures as are required in the increased
wants of the City in respect to the public business, the public
schools, the Fire Department and the public institutions. The prac-
tice therefore has been to employ for each piece of work an architect
who receives for his services such compensation as may be awarded
by the Committee on Public Buildings and in this way the com-

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cost expended has reached several thousand dollars yearly. Except in the construction of such buildings as the city Hospital or the city hall, from a little variety of design. In the construction a distinction is made between some houses and some houses which are the property of the city. The city has made but rarely, all of the buildings being arranged upon the same plan, unless only a change is required by the location of the site. It would appear that for repeating these plans the city could not afford the full professional fee for original designs, and it has been proposed to appoint an architect who shall for a yearly compensation furnish all the plans and advice required for the various and various business of the city, having no the plans of exceptional structures, such as a City Hall or a Hospital, to be specially contracted for. With the exception of accomplishing the object sought by this petition the committee cannot, but they do not deem it wise to establish the City Architect as a Municipal officer. They are in favor of making contract annually for such services as may be required, and they respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order. In the committee, Sept. 18th. Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances be directed to prepare and report an ordinance authorizing the construction of public buildings to secure proposals for rendering all the architectural service required by the city of Boston, and to contract for the same annually. Read once.

Franklin
avenue
road

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby authorized to reconstruct the sewer in Franklin Avenue as shown for in the petition of C. S. Gray and others, the petitioners agreeing to bear the whole expense of the same. Read once.

who were directed to examine and report what could be done
 for the City to employ to do its advertising, to leave to recom-
 mend the passage of the accompanying order. In the Committee,
 James C. Smith, J. W. Whittman, Charles Smith and John J. Smith
 this City as shall agree to do the City advertising for one year
 from May 1. 1863, be selected to do said advertising at a compensa-
 tion of three hundred dollars each; and also the Sunday Gazette,
 the Boston Pilot and Saturday Express at a compensation of one
 hundred and fifty dollars each; and the Sunday Guild at a
 compensation of fifty dollars. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-
 men of the City of Boston at Mechanics Hall on Thursday
 the second day of May A.D. 1863.

Present,
 The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of A. J. Bellows & others Bellows
 that a nuisance in the City between Washington Street & State
 Street had now to be abated. Read to the Committee on Inter-
 nal Affairs.

Petition of John Jenkins that Jenkins
 the rent of a house occupied by Company A. Second Regiment from

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 May 11, 1863. Petition of H. Buckell for leave to
 deal in Second Hand Articles at 3 Lecheider Avenue. Referred to the
 Committee on Licenses.
- Buckell
- Petition of the Trustees of St. Matthew
 Church that the land under said building in Providence
 may be discontinued. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.
- St. Matthew
 Church
- Petition of Henry Willard for a di-
 cense to the Sacred Museum. Referred to the Committee on Li-
 censes.
- Willard
- Petition of the Metropolitan Rail-
 road Company to have to construct an independent side track
 on the east of Scott's Building. Referred to the Committee on
 Faring.
- Metropolitan
 Railroad
- Petition of the Metropolitan Rail-
 road Company to have to extend the location of track through
 Charles Boylston and Eliot Streets &c. Referred to the Committee on Far-
 ing.
- Metropolitan
 Railroad
- Petition of H. W. Shaw for leave to use
 and display as a sign before his store on Bay Roadway. Referred to
 the Committee on Faring.
- Shaw
- Petition of John A. Shaw for leave to
 construct coal sheds under the sidewalk at N. D. State Street. Re-
 ferred to the Committee on Faring.
- Shaw
- Petition of the East Boston Fair
 Association that the city would replace the stand trees in the Street of
 Ward 2, with new ones. Referred to the Committee on the Common.
- East Boston
 Fair
 Association

Petition of Charles U. Golling 21st
and others that the drain ditch over between Hancock and North
Streets may be relaid. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.
Golling.

Petition of William H. H. and others
that a sewer be laid at the northeastern end of North Margin
Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of Oliver E. Sawyer, Sawyer.
that a sewer may be constructed in the Old Road between K and
L Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of the Boston Board of Board of Trade
Trade for use of Amuse. Hall in Summer the 16th instant for making
ing mummies for the relief of the poor. Referred to the Committee on
Faneuil Hall with full power.

On nomination by the Mayor
the following persons were appointed Special Police of this
city viz: William H. H. and John E. H. The Police are
Mark James Brown at Summer Hall East Street, John E. H.
at Boston Wharf, John T. Gardner Harbor Master, and William J. But
tis and Daniel Sullivan, Assistants.

Whereas Jacob A. Hathorne has
given notice to this Board of his intention to erect building on
Snow Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board,
the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the
said street should be widened at the place described in the said
notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the
said inhabitants that this Board intend to widen the street before
mentioned, by taking a part of the land now owned by the building

The Mayor, May 15. 1863.

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Nov 11. 1863

Architect

The order submitted at the last

meeting of the Board of the Committee on Finance to adopt an order authorizing the Committee on Finance to receive proposals for rendering all the architectural services required by the City of Boston annually, was read a second time and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Nov 14. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor May 15 1863.

North Charles

Street

Bridge

On motion of Alderman Standish,

the Board reconsidered the vote whereby at the last meeting an order was passed authorizing the Committee on Finance to remove the wooden bridge on North Charles Street and to substitute solid filling therefor: and the question being on the passage of said order, Alderman Standish submitted the following substitute which he desired should be adopted viz: Ordered: That the Committee on Finance be and they hereby are authorized to take up the wooden bridge now standing part of North Charles Street and to reconstruct said street with solid filling at an expense not exceeding twenty thousand dollars. Ordered: That the Finance Board be and he hereby is authorized to borrow under the direction of the Committee on Finance the sum of twenty thousand dollars the same to be appropriated to the reconstruction of a portion of North Charles Street. Sent down for concurrence. June 14. Came up non-concurred. Nov 1. Say 41.

Ordered

Ordered: That the communi-

cation of the Council of the City dated April 11th 1864 relative the

possibility of an additional appropriation to this Department, be
taken from the files and referred to the Committee on Finance of
the City and Town for concurrence. May 14. Council of Councils. Re-
solved by the Mayor May 16. 1863.

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May 11. 1863

In the petition of the Boston and
Lowell Company for an additional location in North and South
Street, East Boston. Also, for a location in Boylston Street, Park
Square and South Street and for a new location to the
Cambridge Railroad in Cambridge Street. Also, for a loca-
tion through Union Street to North Street as a substitute for their pres-
ent location through Washington Street to South Street. It is ordered:

Suppl.
to
Ord. 11.

That the petitioners give fourteen days notice to the aldermen on said
streets that this Board will on Thursday the twenty eighth day of
May instant, at ten o'clock, A.M. take into consideration the expedi-
ency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person
objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be giv-
en by publication of said petition and this order therein in all
the daily papers of this city.

The Committee on Licenses,

Kilthorne.

to whom were referred the petition of J. S. Johnson for an extension
of his omnibus route to South Street, to have a line of omnibuses
run that take away and go back to station a line of omnibuses
in front of the, the convenience of the passengers will be
against said petition and the convenience of the public and others
against the establishment of a line of omnibuses in Fremont Street,
have considered the same, and in view of the importance of the
matter, respectfully recommend that a hearing be given to the
petition before the Board of Aldermen at such time as the Board
may appoint. To the Committee on Licenses, J. S. Johnson, petitioner. And

accepted and Thursday the twenty-first day of May instant
May 11. 1863 at ten o'clock AM. was assigned as the time for said hearing.

Order
Board

The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Rivers to re-
construct the Franklin Avenue River at the expense of C. F. Hay and
others was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor.
May 12. 1863

Side-track
excavations

Ordered: That the committee on
excavations being consider the expediency of preparing and reporting con-
ditions and regulations regarding the excavations under the side-
track.

Mortgage
discharged

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor
be authorized to discharge the mortgage given to the City of Boston
in 1858. Death, dated April 30, 1863, and recorded with Book
Deeds Lib. 235, p. 253, the note for which said Mortgage was given
and the interest having been fully paid.

Public
entertainment

The Committee appointed
to make suitable arrangements for celebrating the approach-
ing anniversary of American Independence, have the respect
fully to report. That in the opinion of the committee it is ex-
pedient to celebrate the day in much the same manner as heret-
ofore and without violating any of the principal features of
the programme usually prepared for the public entertainment.
This cannot be done however, within the limits of expense pre-
scribed by the order appointing the committee and they there-
fore request the appropriation of an additional sum of three
thousand dollars. From the estimates made by the committee they
believe this increase of the appropriation will enable them to de-

Notice was received from the Board

Nov 11. 1863

and
in the
presence

Committee that a vacancy exists in that body occasioned by the resignation of John Duncan of Ward 12; and requesting a convention of the Ward, Aldermen and Select Committee in and about 4 o'clock, P.M. for the purpose of filling said vacancy and that public notice of the fact be given pursuant to said Ward and Township, Ordinance. That a message be sent to the Select Committee stating that the Board concurs in said proposition.

Nov 11. 1863

The Superintendent of Finance

has reported that for the month ending May 1st he had received in rent of shops and cellars in the Market House the sum of sixteen thousand one hundred and fifty three dollars and fifty four cents, of which he had paid to the City Treasurer. Read and passed in file.

According to the results of the

survey made in various parts of the following persons to deal in Second Hand Articles viz: J. Macomber, 68 Salem Street; George Dickerson, 111 Austin Street; Richard McConaghy, 369 Commercial Street; Robert A. Manning, 303 Commercial Street; John W. & Thomas W. Smith, 111 Commercial Street; Jacob Fugate, corner Lincoln and Essex Streets; James Wright, 135 1/2 Essex Street; & L. Dunbar, 100 Commercial Street; John A. Smith, 417 Commercial Street.

Belthard
Jensen

Leave was granted to Princess

to keep her Belthard Tables at the Maitland House, on the same condition.

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Nov 11. 1863. Superintendent of Streets under the usual restrictions and conditions. Read and accepted.

Ammon
Street.

Ordered: That the collection of assessments and upon Samuel Eysen, William Dean, A. C. Lee and the whole of the property, for construction of a sewer in Ammon Street, be postponed until notice shall be made from the works of said several parties into such sewer. Read once.

Eighth
Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be, and he hereby is directed, to notify the owners of lots on Eighth Street, between Wind and Leicester Streets, in such case as he considers dangerous, to erect fences upon the line of said lots adjoining the highway, in accordance with the provision of Section 4 of the Ordinance in addition to an Ordinance in relation to Streets, passed April 21. 1862. Read once.

~~Ammon Street~~

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Monday the eighteenth day of May, Anne Lemire, 1862.
Read.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Am. T. Ten:
Military Co.

Petition of Ancient and Honorable Military Company for use of Faneuil Hall on the first day of the month of June next. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall.

Petition of Ancient and Hon- 227.

May 18, 1863

Resolved that the petition of Thomas Githy for a writ of habeas corpus be referred to the committee on law.

June

Resolved that the petition of Thomas Githy for a writ of habeas corpus be referred to the committee on law.

July

Resolved that the petition of Thomas Githy for a writ of habeas corpus be referred to the committee on law.

Aug

Resolved that the petition of Thomas Githy for a writ of habeas corpus be referred to the committee on law.

Sept

On nomination by the Mayor George Hill was appointed and confirmed as City Clerk for one year from May 1st 1863.

Thomas Githy

and

County business submitted to the City Council this annual report
 for the financial year 1862-63. Referred in Common
 Council to the Committee on the Treasury Department. Came
 up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Treasurer's
 Accounts.

Whereas certain lots of land
 were sold by the City of Boston located on Sharon Street east of
 Emerson House, and numbered as follows - fifty-one, fifty-two,
 fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, fifty-six, and fifty-seven, as represented
 upon a plan recorded in Book of Plans numbered 117, page
 one hundred and sixty-two in the Office of the Superintendent
 of Public Lands, to which certain agreements of sale were made
 by the City dated May 16th 1861, and containing among other
 conditions the following, to wit: "It is hereby agreed that the said
 lots shall be completed and ready for occupancy within two
 years from the first day of January 1862 and in case of failure
 to erect and complete, within the said two years the land to
 return with all moneys paid thereon, shall be declared forfeited.
 And whereas dwelling houses were not erected and completed
 upon the said lots within the time specified so that the said
 conditions have not been fulfilled whereby the said lots upon the
 second day of January 1862 became forfeited to the City, therefore
 it is ordered: That the agreement with numbering fifty-one to
 fifty-seven, both inclusive as represented on a plan of City
 Land and recorded in Book of Plans numbered 117, page one
 hundred and sixty-two in the Office of the Superintendent of Pub-
 lic Lands, be and the same are hereby declared forfeited to the
 City of Boston for non-fulfillment and breach of the conditions
 of said agreement, and that the Superintendent of Public Lands be

Sharon Street
 lots of land
 forfeited

May 18. 1863.

and he is hereby directed to take possession of the aforesaid lot in behalf of and to the use of the City of Boston. Passed in Common Council. Came up in concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor May 14. 1863.

Norton Street.

and

fringed.

Whereas, a certain lot of land was sold by the City of Boston, located on Norton Street, and numbering six, as represented upon a plan recorded in Book of Plans No. about two days in number and in the office of the Superintendent of Public Lands, by which an agreement was given by the City dated December 1st 1861, containing among other conditions the following, to wit: "A dwelling house as above described shall be erected and completed, under the concurrence within two years from the first day of January 1861, and in case of failure so to erect and complete ready to occupy, within the said two years, the lot shall be declared forfeited." And whereas a dwelling house was not erected and completed upon said land within the time specified, so that the said conditions have not been complied with, and remain unfulfilled whereby the said lot upon the second day of January 1863 became forfeited to the City of Boston. Therefore be it Enacted. That the aforesaid lot numbered six on Norton Street, as represented upon a plan, recorded with the Book of Plans and Book of Plans, numbered and sixty three in the office of the Superintendent of Public Lands, be and the same is hereby declared forfeited to the City of Boston in consequence and breach of the conditions of sale thereof, and that the Superintendent of Public Lands is and he is hereby directed to take possession of the aforesaid lot of land in behalf of and to the use of the City of Boston. Read

in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and con- 231.
curred. Approved by the Mayor May 19. 1863.

Ordered: That the Com-
mittee on Ordinances be instructed to inquire into the expediency
of accepting the bill passed on the twenty third of April, 1863, in
that "An Act relative to the sealing of Weights and Measures," and
if deemed expedient then to report an Ordinance in conformity to
said bill to the Common Council. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Ordinances. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

May 18. 1863.
Weights
and
Measures
Act.

The Common Council having
ing concurred in the amendment proposed to the Health Ordinance
which passed this Board on the seventh instant and having al-
so further amended said Ordinance by inserting in Section 52,
after the word "Heldmen" - or by permit of the Superintendent of
Health or his Assistant - and then came up for concurrence. Read
and this was concurred in. Approved by the Mayor May
21. 1863.

Health
Ordinance

Petition of J. F. & L. J. Palmer that
the office of Superintendent of Weights and Measures may be a salaried
one. Referred to the Committee on Ordinances. Sent down for con-
currence. May 21. Came up & concurred.

Palmer

Petition of Redwell and Dean
for a loan of a sum to meet repairs on building corner of Es-
sex and Franklin Streets, lately occupied by a German School.
Referred to the Committee on New Buildings. Sent down for con-
currence. Read & concurred.

Redwell

The Council having taken
and ordered for an estimate of the cost of the repairs.

Dean

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General: Geo. Aldermen 223

May, Denis and Tyler with such as the Common Council may join be a Joint Special Committee to consider the expediency of any measure for the preservation of the Hancock House in Beacon Street. Sent down for concurrence. May 21. Came up concurred and Messrs. Adams, Smith, and Brown were joined. Approved by the Mayor May 22. 1863

May 18. 1863

Hancock

House

Petition of the Union

Free Freight Railway Company for acceptance of their Charter granted April 21. 1863. Aldermen Smith, Adams and Marsh with such as the Common Council may join. Sent down for concurrence. May 21. Came up concurred and Messrs. Sumner, Davis, and Kimball, Fiske, and Brown of Ward 9, were joined.

Union

Free Freight

Railway

The order submitted at the

Salary

meeting of the Board on the fourth instant, establishing the Salary of the Clerk of the City and County of New York, came up for a second reading and was amended as follows: at A. in Section 3. strike out twelve and insert "thirteen": Sect. 5. at B. strike out two and insert "seven" and strike out all the words between and 2. and insert as follows: "to be paid as follows: Three hundred dollars to each of his senior clerks and three hundred dollars to his junior clerk." Sect. 13. at C. strike out eighteen and insert "thirteen" and at D. add "which sum shall include compensation for furnishing certificates to disabled soldiers." Upon the motion to substitute thirteen for eighteen in this section, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and were taken as follows: Yeas Aldermen Clark, Denis, Crane, Smith, and Brown. Nays Aldermen Adams, Marsh, and Brown. The yeas and nays were taken on the motion to substitute thirteen for eighteen in this section, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and were taken as follows: Yeas Aldermen Clark, Denis, Crane, Smith, and Brown. Nays Aldermen Adams, Marsh, and Brown.

224. provided. Aldermen Clark moved to strike out in Section 28,
May 18. 1863. the word fifteen and insert fourteen and the Law and Equity
were taken hereon a yeas - Lye - Aldermen Clark, Linn, May,
Torrey, and Handish, 5 - Nays - Aldermen Snow, Henshaw, Paul
Kane, Spinner, Stern and others. A final motion did not pass.
The order was amended by inserting at G and the word
was amended by striking out at H. seven and inserting "six."
The order was amended by inserting at I of the words of the said
word and. It thus amended the order was passed. Sent down for
concurrence.

Clark.

The Committee on the Health
Department, on the part of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was
referred the petition of William Clark, for a statement of the
several upon his personal estate in the year 1862, have considered
the same, and respectfully recommend that the petitioners leave
leave to withdraw. For the Committee, A. J. Green, Chairman, Read
and accepted.

Eighth

The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board to the Commissioners of the Board to
notify the citizens on Eighth Street, when he considers it dangerous
to the public safety to the line of their intersection in the
line of the Board's order.

Charge

discharged

Resolved: That the Mayor and
Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to discharge the mortgage
given to the City of Boston Nov. 1st 1854, by Samuel B. Cogswell upon
a lot of land in the North Main the note for which said mortgage
was given and the interest thereon having been fully paid and
mortgage is recorded with the City Clerk under No. 208 Vol. 25.

No person appearing to ob-

ject to the proposed widening of Gincy Street to having been carried.
The following subject was recommended to the Committee on Gincy Street.

Resolved: That the Committee

be on Steam Engines to report what fee shall be paid to the Irish
in a case where there is no other person in the situation as
an action, if any, are necessary to carry out the Act of the Legislature
in relation to the collection of fees and the other duties
passed April 20, 1863.

The order submitted at the

last meeting of the Board regarding the collection of a sum of money
on Samuel Guyson, William Loran, H. C. Lee, and the whole of
J. Billings for the construction of the Hamilton Street sewer, was
read a second time and passed. Approved by the Board, May
10, 1863.

Upon the petition of Hurney and

Hurney to permission to erect and maintain a steam engine
Eight Horse Power at No. 100 East Street it appearing that due
notice had been given to all parties interested and that no ob-
jections were made thereto, it was voted that a license be gran-
ted to the petitioners to erect and use such engine at No. 100
East Street for the purpose of carrying out the sewer.

On petition of the Metropolitan

Railroad Company to have its route from its location by tracks
from Cambridge Street through North and South Streets to
Lancaster Street and through East Street and East Street to
East Street it was Resolved: That the petition be referred to a

230. notice to the abuttees on the streets therein mentioned that the
Board will on Monday the 10th day of June next at 10 o'clock
take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer
of said petition when any parties who object thereto may appear
and be heard and this order thereon in all the daily papers of this City

Notice

Notice of the sale in the
basement story of the "Bridge Estate" in N. Mont Street to August
Roman for three years from June 10th next at an annual rent of
six hundred dollars was approved by the Board.

Notice
Street
Surre.

Ordered: That due notice be
given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock
P.M. take into consideration the expediency of re-constructing
the sewer in the street from the corner of the street to the
and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter
their particular lots into such sewer there shall be no
more remote means, shall receive any benefit thereby: and any
making objections thereto, will then and there be heard

Local Highway

Agreement to be a part of the com-
mission in June, 1850. A. C. Grant was appointed a member of the

Quartermaster

Charles H. Grant was licensed as
a Quartermaster at 23 Salem Street.

Second Hand
Articles

Benjamin & Young were licensed
as a Dealer in Second Hand Articles at 23 Salem Street and
it was licensed as said Dealer at 23 Salem Street.

Leave was granted to Amos 237

Willard to open the Harvard Athenaeum for Librarian's Office May 18 1863
Willard

The Board of Land Commissioners to whom was referred the petition of Edward L. Heany for the payment of the second instalment on his bond for purchase may be postponed, having fully considered the same and respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order. To the Commissioners, Peter Pierce. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to postpone the payment of the second instalment due upon the bond given by Edward L. Heany, May 1st 1861, for the purchase of May 1st 1861, until the 1st 1864, upon his paying the sum of five hundred and seventy seven dollars and eleven cent, being the first instalment and interest due on said bond. Read once

Heany

The Committee on the As-

Bullisfield

sests Department on the part of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the petition of the Trustees for a statement of the value of the same, and to be used for the purpose of the petitioners estate. The Trustees of the Harvard Athenaeum have assessed in 1861, at \$20,500, and in 1862, at \$36,000, one new house having been added thereto, and considerable improvements made upon the buildings, in the meantime. After hearing the statement of the petitioners and also of the assessors of the same, the committee are of opinion that the assessment may with propriety be reduced to thirty thousand dollars, and they recommend the passage of the accompanying order. To the Committee, N. S. Town, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby

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is authorized to refund to Isaac Bulfinch the sum of fifteen dollars and fifty cents, that being a portion of the tax assessed upon his whole corner of Respect and Merimac Streets, for the year 1862.
Read once.

L.
Paul.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade L Street, between Fifth and Seventh Streets. Estimated cost, three hundred dollars. Read once.

Western
Avenue.
Beacon Street.

Ordered: That the portion of the Western Avenue, so called, lying between Berkeley Street and Beacon Street, be and the same hereby is accepted as a public highway, a deed of the same having been given to the City by the Western Avenue Corporation, and that the same be hereafter called Beacon Street. Read once.

Adjourned to Thursday next at ten o'clock, AM.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Thursday the twenty-first day of July, 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Fox, Shaw, Paul, and Tyler.

James

Resolution of said Board, in
reference to said and as a claim against of said City, for the

22.27 *Lord Wharf* Ordered: That the petitioners give fourteen days 229.
 notice to all parties interested and this board will on Monday the 21. Nov.
 18. of June next at four o'clock, P.M. take into consideration
 the expediency of granting the prayer of said petitioners when
 any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. And
 notice to be given by a publication of a copy of said petition and
 this order therein in the *Western Daily Advertiser*.

Appearing to the Board Spindhuft.

upon the representation of a sister of the said deceased
 that John Sundry of East Boston laborer, does by excessive drink-
 ing and idleness so waste and spend his estate as will not
 only bring himself and family to want but will render this
 estate liable to a charge for his and their support, a petition to
 the Board of Sundry for the appointment of a Guardian for the
 said Sundry was signed and transmitted.

The Committee on the Treasury Charles

Reported to whom was referred the account of the City
 and County of Boston for the year ending 31. Dec. 18. 18. 18.
 they have examined the account and find it correct and
 that the account submitted is an accurate and true one
 and that the entries therein correspond with the receipts and vouchers
 on file in the office. The business of the Treasury Department
 was largely increased in extent that of any previous year, com-
 paring the receipts and disbursements as follows:

Total receipts	\$ 7,000,405.53
On account of	\$ 154,004.98
	\$ 7,154,410.51

The balance of cash on hand at the close of the year was

Agreeably to assignment 241.

The Board took up the subject of the proposed extension of the
route of Nathaniel's Omnibus Line as proposed by him. It then
received, appeared to the petition and presented a petition
to the said Board from Mr. Richardson and others that the line
of omnibuses be extended to Lenox Street of G. W. Skinner and others
that the petition be allowed to establish a Tremont Street line, and
of J. L. Lewis and others that the petition be allowed to run
through the same line in both directions. The respondents were
H. E. Burt who appeared for himself and other citizens on Tremont
Street, and also for the Boston and Lowell and
and Benjamin L. Goodman and others against the Tremont Street
line, and he also appeared for the Suffolk Railroad Company who
remained against any extension of facilities in the city
and took issue to the petition. C. B. May, Esq., also remained
in behalf of the Metropolitan Railroad Company against the
grant of a franchise to the petition. The argument had been
closed to the Board at the same time. The Board was
committed to the committee on the subject and the Board was
adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock. In

May 21. 1863
Geminis
hearing.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-
men of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the
twenty-fifth day of May, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

Mr. Burt and Mr. Richardson

Editor of the Boston Herald

in statement of assignment for construction of a line in

London

Nov 25, 1863.

Hamilton Sted. Referred to the committee on Tides.

Hamilton

Statement of assessment for construction of a dike in Union town Sted. Referred to the committee on Tides.

Hamilton

Statement of assessment for construction of a dike in Bremen Sted. Referred to the committee on Internal Navigation.

Hamilton

Petition of James H. Hays for permission to erect a distern and Pump on the pier of Lower South Bridge for the purpose of storing salt water therein for fuel purposes. Referred to the committee on Bridges.

Lawrence

Petition that William E. Lawrence may be appointed a Highways of local. Referred to the committee on Licenses.

Lawrence

Petition of Robert Haley for leave to erect a furnace at National Hall in the month of March instant. Referred to the committee on Licenses.

Lawrence

Petition of Lands Circus Company for leave to exhibit their circus on the Fair Grounds June 8th at South Boston June 15th and at East Boston June 16th. Referred to the committee on Licenses.

Lawrence

Petition of James S. Sargent to be compensated for damage occasioned by change of grade in City Sted. Referred to the committee on Tides.

Petition of E. S. Todd & others 243.

That they may be compensated for damages sustained by
change of grade in Emerald Street. Referred to the Committee
on Paving.

May 25. 1863
Todd

Petition of Anne Hubbard

That water that may be accepted from Evans Street
in Marginal Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of the Lynn and

Boston Railroad Company for leave to run their cars over
the Suffolk Railroad tracks to Scott's Building and back.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Lynn &
Boston Railroad

Petition of the Boston

and Lowell Railroad Company for leave to run cars over the Suffolk
Railroad tracks to Scott's Building and back. Referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Boston and
Lowell Railroad

Petition of A. A. Lawrence &

others that Bath Street may be widened. Referred to
the Committee on Paving.

Lawrence.

Petition of James H. Wagon

and others that Branch Avenue, so called, may be accepted.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Wagon

Petition of George H. Wagon

and others that water that may be accepted for the
purpose of running a water wheel. Referred to the Committee on
Paving.

Wagon

Petition of Joseph E. Barry

to be paid for land taken to widen South Street. Referred to
the Committee on Paving.

Barry

Letter of James H. Hunt.
This piece of business was on the order of the day,
a University School. Referred to the Committee on
university with full powers.

Union School
The Union School
to the proposed construction of a School in Union Street
with the University School. Subject was recommended to be
Committee on Schools.

Letter
Action of William F. Kelly to
be compensated for services claimed to have been rendered
by him to the City as a Police Officer. Referred in Common
Council to the Committee on Claims. Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred.

Convention.
Notice was received from the Com-
mon Council that that Branch concurred in the proposal to form
a Convention on Thursday next for choice of City Treasurer.

Ordinance
The Committee on Ordinances
has the honor to report to the City Council, that the work of re-
vising and codifying the Ordinances is now completed by them.
That the Ordinances and Statutes have been carefully examined
by two Committees of the City Council and all needless changes
and alterations have been made from time to time by the City
Council. The adjournment of the Legislature will now give
an opportunity to incorporate the most recent changes in
the Ordinances and Statutes. They therefore submit the
revision thus corrected by them. They therefore submit the
accompanying order. For the Committee, Thomas C. Amory, Jr. Clerk.
The Committee on Ordinances is composed of

we hereby authorized to print 1000 copies of the City Charter, Laws and Ordinances as revised together with such rules and regulations of the different Boards or Departments of the City Government as they may deem expedient and that said work be advanced without delay the expense to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and publications of the Common Council. Passed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, May 26. 1863.

The Common Council have Advertising
have amended the order respecting City Advertising which passed at this Board on the 18th instant so making no allowance to the Sunday Herald at a compensation of fifty dollars. Said action came up for concurrence. Read and this Board concurred therein. Approved by the Mayor, May 26. 1863.

The report and order submitted to the Board on the eighteenth instant in favor of the postponement of the payment of the second installment due on the bond given to the City May 1st 1862. by Edward F. Heany in purchase of Wharf No. 3 South Bay on certain conditions, was read a second time and passed. Sent down for concurrence. May 28. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 1. 1863.

James F. McKim Esq. has been
appointed of Wharf No. 3 and will be appointed a field clerk and James McKim in the city. Sent down for concurrence. June 22. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee

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Library

on Ordinances with the concurrence of the Trustees of the Public Library be authorized to change the time for the examination of the Library which has heretofore been the month of October to the month of August or such other time as may be found expedient. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Messenger.

Assistant.

Oliver H. Spurr, City Messenger

nominated to the Board, as his Assistant, Sumner W. Bugbee of this City, which nomination was confirmed. Sent down for concurrence. May 28. Came up concurred.

Leyler.

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The Committee on laying out and widening Streets &c. have reported the order dated January 20th A.D. 1861 for the payment of the sum of five hundred dollars to the heirs of the late John Rankin & Co. for the damage done to the building on the estate of said Rankin in widening the street and for making the repairs to the building. It was the intention of that Committee to have the claim for damage done to the building by the widening of the street settled, and to leave the claim for the value of the land taken for the widening to be settled as a distinct matter. All claims of tenants arising from the widening were considered by the Committee and of no importance and it was stated there would be no loss of damage. It has appeared since the street was widened that there

was a lease on the Dexter Estate to January 1st 1863 and the
wards claim damages in consequence of the widening of the river.
The committee find that an order to pay the said heirs said
sum was passed December 9th 1862 and that the same should
be paid. It would be to show that the sum mentioned
in the order was not in payment of, or settlement for, any
claims which tenants or others might make for damages. There-
fore the committee recommend the passage of the order with
an amendment, which in order to appear December 9th 1862 is as-
signed, and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars is to be
paid solely for damages to the building, with this amend-
ment "that the expense be charged to the appropriation for
Unliquidated claims." Read twice and the order, as recorded
previously, passed with this amendment, as amended for unli-
quidated claims. Approved by the Mayor. May 26. 1863.

The report and order submit-
ted to the Board on the eighteenth instant in favor of the estate
of John Bullard in the year 1862, was read a second
time and was recommended to the committee on the Special
Department on part of this Board.

The order submitted at the
meeting of the Board on the eighteenth instant for the Su-
perintendent of that Department, which was read a second time and passed. Approved
by the Mayor. May 26. 1863.

The order submitted at the meet-
ing of the Board on the eighteenth instant, for the acceptance

of the portion of Beacon Street between Berkeley and Glendale
 May 25. 1863 That was laid a second time and passed. Approved by the
 Mayor. Nov 20. 1863.

General Fund

1863

Ordered: That whenever parties
~~require the use of the street for any purpose~~
 shall pay to the Superintendent the sum of six dollars in ad-
 dition to the usual charges to defray the expense of watering
 and cleaning the floor subsequent to the occasion. Read twice
 and passed.

Commercial
 Fund.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police
 be directed to notify the owners and abutters of estates on Com-
 mercial Street, between the corner of the street and the
 corner of the street, to furnish new edge-stones to
 replace the old ones, within twenty days. And that, in default
 thereof, the same will be done by the City, at their expense, ac-
 cording to law.

Clerical
 of the Po.

The Joint Standing Committee
 on the Clerical of the Po and City Clerk's House, to whom
 was referred the communication of the Clerical of the Po,
 dated Jan 9. 1863, reporting the necessity for larger appropriations
 for the relief of paupers who have no settlement in this
 City, having duly considered the subject, beg leave to submit
 the following Report. That a bill was passed by the City & Town
 Councils, in 1851, to support all paupers within its limits who
 had no legal settlement in any other city or town in the Com-
 monwealth. The State, however, then reimbursed to the cities &
 towns a portion of the expense of the support of paupers having
 no settlement within the Commonwealth. The bill then was

made, in the mode of support, between foreign paupers and those 249.
having a settlement in the city, they were provided for as our May 23. 1863.
paupers are now provided for, partly in the House of Industry,
and partly by aid rendered through the Overseers of the Poor.
At the commencement of the year 1854, the State had assumed
the support of our paupers not having a settlement within
the Commonwealth, and had voted an appropriation for that pur-
pose; and it no longer reimbursed to cities and towns any part
of the expense of supporting such paupers. When this change of
policy was made by the State, it became the duty of the Directors
of the House of Industry and of the Overseers of the Poor to confine
their support and aid to persons having a legal settlement in
the city, and to provide for the immediate removal of all for-
eign paupers to the State Almshouse. But it seems that the Over-
seers of the Poor did not so understand their duty; and they
have continued hitherto to render the same aid to foreign pau-
pers which they rendered before the establishment of the State
Almshouse. The amount drawn from the city treasury for this
class of paupers is large, and has been constantly increasing.
In the year 1854 it was \$21,122, and in the year 1862, \$48,109,
an increase of 127 per cent. Supposing this expenditure to have
increased from year to year in the same ratio, which is proba-
bly substantially true, there has been taken from the City Treasury
in the last nine years, the sum of about \$250,000 for the support
of paupers who had no claims upon the city and for
whose needs the State was ready to provide - undoubtedly a
limited number of those classed as foreign paupers will be en-
titled to have a settlement in the city; but on the other hand
many who are now included amongst those who are entitled

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The settlement will, upon careful investigation, be found in
1865. The burden upon our treasury, being without warrant, and
becoming heavier every year, has naturally attracted the at-
tention of some of our friends in the City Government; and
a sense of its injustice, mingled perhaps with an apprehension
that there has not been proper economy exercised in the ex-
penditure of money appropriated to the relief of the poor, has
led some of our friends to reorganize the Board of Charities, and to se-
cure more care and greater accountability in the discharge
of its duties. But for various reasons these efforts have been delay-
ed or abandoned, before any desirable reform was effected. It seems
now to be a favorable time to stop this expenditure. It is the
commencement of the warm season, during which persons
assisted by the Charities of the City usually need but little aid,
and there is ample time, before the approach of the cold wea-
ther, for all parties who will be affected by a change of policy,
to make the necessary arrangements to conform to it, and the
contributions from the various charities of a public nature have
never been so large as at the present time. The "State Aid" dis-
tributed to the dependents of paupers who are inhabitants of the City
(and, by the Statute, those only can receive who are in necessi-
tous circumstances) is at the rate of about \$30,000 per month, or
say \$350,000 per annum, besides which the various work-
house charities are maintained. It has been said that there is an
excess of money in the City Treasury, which is not apparent,
the City is one of the largest of the State, and the more im-
pact it has upon the State, the more important it is to have a
properly. By the recent act of the Legislature, pro-
viding that all moneys paid by the cities and towns for paupers

to volunteers shall be reimbursed to them from the Common- 251
wealth's treasury, this City is made to pay, in addition to the town May 25 1863
tax but one cent. And given towards those of the other
cities and towns. In nearly the same ratio, likewise, this City
contributes to the assistance furnished by the Commonwealth to
the families of volunteers who are absent in the field of war.
The City being thus charged by enactments of the Legislature
with so much more than its apparent fair proportion of the expense
incident to the Commonwealth in the discharge of its duties in
the prosecution of the war, it cannot be unreasonably expected that
the City will voluntarily continue to pay an additional sum of
\$50,000 yearly for expenses which are legally and justly chargeable
to the treasury of the Commonwealth. The Committee will not
now advocate the continuance of the policy, which has prevail-
ed in regard to State paupers, that there are cases in which it
will be a hardship to remove them to the State Almshouse. This
may be so in a few instances, but we apprehend not to a great
extent, and when such a case occurs, there can be no doubt that
it will be provided for by one numerous charitable institution, or
by individual benevolence; but if the State will so while the
Committee would regret in every case the disappointment and
inconvenience individuals may experience, they would still feel
that the duty of the City authorities is plainly in the direction
they have indicated. While our Committee entertain no doubt
of the principles, still as the adoption of them in practice would
involve a very decided change in the action of the Overseers of
the Poor, they thought it proper to consult the City Solicitor in re-
gard to them and he has favored them with his opinion, in writ-
ing, which accompanies this report. In accordance with their

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Whereas the Committee on the application of the
amount estimated by the Overseers of the Poor for the support of
paupers having a lawful settlement in Boston, and an addi-
tional sum of \$5,000 for the temporary support of those paupers
who had no legal settlement in the State, until they could be
provided for according to law. At the request of the Committee, the
Secretary of the Overseers of the Poor has prepared, in tabular form,
a statement of the expenditures of that Board in each Month for
each of the past year, and also a statement of the amount due
in account of pauper support for the same year. A copy of the same
is also herewith presented. The Committee recommends
the report and accompanying documents be printed, and one
member of the City Government, Overseers of the Poor, and such
other persons as the Committee deem advisable, be furnished
with a copy of the same. All of which is respectfully submit-
ted. (W. A. Arch, Silas Rice, Joseph Buckley, Nathan Howe, David
Woodbridge, Committee. Read and laid on the table and one
thousand copies ordered to be printed. See City Document No. 10)

Washington
Square

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises N. 5 Washington Square,
caused by a leaky and defective drain on said premises,
situated at the rear of the same, which is a nuisance to the health of the
community and to the public safety, and the Board is of the opinion
that it is, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to
be abated by repairing the same & to be caused and incurred
against at the expense of the owner, who, having been duly no-
tified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this

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And that a nuisance exists on premises between Fifth and
and said lot and said nuisance caused by stagnant
water and rubbish on vacant land on said premises, belonging
to William L. Mason which is dangerous to the health of the inhab-
itants, it is hereby ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be,
and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated
by filling and draining said lot at the expense of said party,
who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate
said nuisance.

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Attest

J. F. Rochester

Clk.

Whereas it appears to this Board

Whereas

that a nuisance exists on premises situated on Wheeler's Court,
caused by stagnant water on said premises, belonging to G. B.
Wheeler, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it
is hereby ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he
is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by drain-
ing said lot at the expense of said party, who, having been duly
notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Court.

The Committee on the Assess.

Butterfield

and Department on the part of the Board of Assessors
was recommended their report and order on the petition of Isaac
Butterfield have been read and approved and respectfully re-
commended the passage of the accompanying order. Be it con-
milled, H. J. Stevens, Chairman, Ordered: That the Treasurer be
and he hereby is authorized to refund to Isaac Butterfield the
sum of one hundred and five dollars, that being a portion
of the tax assessed upon his white land of No. 22 and No. 24
since 1862, for the year 1862. and the same is hereby ordered.

Agreeably to the report of the
Committee on Land and Water, it was
in his interest in Shill 102 and Shill 18 Shill 102
to have the same transferred to the name of Shill
102. The Committee made a report and the Board
ordered & ordered to transfer Shill 102 to Shill 102
Shill 102 Grant.

Second Hand
Articles

Leave was granted to John
son to deal in Second Hand Articles at 217 Cornhill Street.

Wheeler

On petition of Nathan Wheeler
other for leave to construct arches under the sidewalk in
Shed, the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted
if the owner will give bond to comply with such conditions and
regulations as the Board of Aldermen shall adopt in relation
to such excavations. Read & accepted.

Hauling

On petition of Elis S. Harding
to have to change the truckhead & other drawings of the truckhead
Shed, the Committee on Paving reported that the Superintendent
of Streets grant a permit for that purpose, if the owner of the
estate will give a written agreement to give up the truckhead
and to construct the new end of the shed in a manner satis-
factory to the Superintendent of Streets. Read and accepted.

Shill

On petition of John A. Shill
to have to construct a coal hole under sidewalk at Shill 102. The
Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted upon the
giving a bond of the owner of the estate to comply with such
conditions and regulations as the Board of Aldermen may adopt.

in relation to excavations under sidewalks. Read and accepted. 255.

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On petition of L. M. Swan for leave to suspend a flag in front of his store as a sign the Committee on Paving reported a reference of the subject to the Committee on Licenses. Read, accepted and referred accordingly.

On petition of Benjamin Jones that he have a water closet built from Jackson to Broadway. The Committee on Internal Health reported a reference of said petition to the Committee on Common Re. Read accepted and agreed accordingly.

On petition of Jacob A. Hathorne for leave to build a stable for two hundred horses on Lenox Street. The Committee on Internal Health reported that leave is granted. Read and accepted. See April 29, 1867.

On petition of Thomas Griffin for leave to place steps in front of his store on corner of Third and Haverick Streets, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Commercial Street between Broadway and Third Street and make such change in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous, and which are not in accordance with the ordinances of the City, and that there be as much of said Street as is liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants

Commercial Street

51 have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated
May 25, 1863 six thousand dollars Read once.

City Wharf
Shut.

Ordered, That the Superintendent
of the City Wharf be authorized to make
such changes in the grade of said Wharf as he shall deem
necessary and proper, and to close all openings in the
Wharf which shall be dangerous; also to close all openings in the
Wharf which are not necessary for the use of the
finances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair
as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or
occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Es-
timated cost six hundred dollars Read once.

Milk
Inspector
Fines of

Ordered, That the salary of the
Inspector of Milk be at the rate of eight hundred dollars per
annum, payable quarterly, and that all fines for violations
be paid into the City Treasury. Read once.

Adjourned to Thursday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Al-
dermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Thursday
the twenty-eighth day of May, A.D. 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen
Shaw, Clark, Paul and Nacoff.

Agreeably to assignment the

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Board took up the subject of the proposed extension of the "Hull"
Railroad as indicated in the order of notice issued on the 11th in
which and it appearing to the Board that due notice had been
given of the pendency of said petition the following parties ap-
peared and remonstrated against said extension - E. H. Derby, Esq. for
the petitioners, and James L. Smith, Esq. for the Board. At the close of his
proceedings, on motion of Alderman Standish, the further consid-
eration of the subject was continued to Thursday next, June 4th at
11 o'clock, A.M.

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Hull
Railroad.

On petition of J. W. Swan

to leave

to leave to suspend a flag in front of his store as a sign, the
committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and ac-
cited.

Agreeably to the report of the

to leave

committee on Licenses leave was granted to Robert Haley to give
a Sparring Exhibition at the National Hall.

A communication was received

Sperry

from the Superintendent of Health calling the attention of the Board
to a block of houses in course of erection by Henry Sperry on Sp-
riten Street, which from their location on wet and marshy grounds
will be a source of sickness and danger to their tenants. Read
and thereupon it was voted that the Board visit the premises
tomorrow at nine o'clock, A.M.

Sperry

The Board also voted to inspect

Street Sweeping
Machine.

the operation, on "Hawthorn" Avenue, tomorrow at 10 o'clock A.M.
of "Hutchinson's Patent" Street Sweeping Machine.

1863

Minutes of the Board of Aldermen

A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Thursday the 11th day of June at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Clark, Stone and Jenie.

Convention

Equally to assignment the two branches of the City Council assembled in Convention.

Members chosen.

for the choice of a City Treasurer, and Alderman Stenshaw, and Messrs Ryan and Meas having been appointed a Committee to collect votes and count the votes for the Treasurer it appeared that the whole number was 47. Necessary for choice 24. Frederic W. had 47 and was accordingly chosen.

The business of the Convention having been accomplished the two branches separated and the Board

Adjourned to Tuesday next at four o'clock, P.M.

A meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the 22nd day of June, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Sumner.

Signer

Witness of William H. Loring for

appointment as a Weigher of Coal. Referred to the Committee
on Licenses.

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Petition of the Boston Light
Utility for use of timony in the Cooper Street building. Referred
to the Committee on Almshouses.

Light Utility

Petition of Daniel Preen for
an abatement of assessment for construction of a sidewalk on
North Charles Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Preen.

Petition of S. Crockett and Son
and others that Prince Street may be repaved. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Paving.

Crockett

Petition of Chesley Hayes for
leave to construct a Coal Hole under the sidewalk at 18 Pinckney
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hayes

Petition of Patrick Kelly
for abatement of assessment for construction of a Sewer in Hamil-
ton Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Kelly

On nomination by the Mayor
Messrs. L. Cook, Amasa C. Fiske, Joseph M. Bates were appointed and
confirmed as Police Officers of this City with all the powers of
Sheriffs except the power of serving and executing civil process.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor
the following persons were appointed Special Police Officers of this
City. William Lane at South Highland Railroad Depot, John Kear-
ney at Union Park and Square, George C. Lister at South Park
Market of the South District.

Special
Police

June 2nd 1863
Common

On nomination by the Council
June 2nd 1863 and approved by the Council June 3rd 1863

June 3rd

The Common Council having agreed the order of this Board, relative to a change of time for examination of books in the Public Library, to the Committee on Ordinances with power to make such changes in the Ordinances after consultation with the Trustees as may be deemed expedient, said action came up for concurrence. Read and this Board concurred therein.

Boston
June 3rd 1863

Ordered: That the Committee on Ordinances be a committee with full power to receive the hospitalities of the City in the 44th and other wooden regiments of Volunteers on their return from the War of the Rebellion; and that the expense of the same be charged to account of Miscellaneous claims and incidental expenses. Read in Common Council, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 3. 1863.

Allen.

Petition of Joseph Allen to be compensated for expenses incurred while attending to the duties of the office of the City Treasurer, occasioned by the tide. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. June 4. Came up concurred.

Lebor
June 4th

Mr. Lebor resigned his office of Treasurer. His successor was appointed for the 11th instant. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. June 4. Came up concurred.

The ballots having been taken 261.

on and counted for a Permanent Assessor in place of J. Henry
Remond, resigned, it appeared that the whole number was 11, all
of which were in William L. Dunham who was chosen. In view
of the concurrence June 4. came up concerned.

June 2. 1863.

Assessor

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The Committee on Volun- Dunham

ture to whom was referred the memorial of Wm L. Dunham, pre-
sented for indemnity from the City for monies alleged to have been laid
out in recruiting, and for compensation for his own time and ser-
vices, having heard the said Dunham statement of the circum-
stances under which he claims to have laid out the sum of four
hundred and seventy eight dollars, and examined such written
and oral evidence as he has thought proper to produce, now Report:
That the said Dunham claims to have been employed in
the year 1862 in the Revenue Service, and that the late Mayor of
Boston called at a hotel to collect evidence on the 19th inst. last,
asking that said Dunham might be spared for a few days to
aid in collecting troops, if it could be done without his leaving
his position. He claims that Dunham did take quite an active
part in recruiting, and did send many men to the camps for
their enlistment, under the system then adopted, he should
have received three dollars each from the City, but, as this fee
was only payable after the recruits were duly mustered into
the service, said Dunham failed to obtain it, except for four men,
because the recruits actually joined his own companies
which were recruiting in other towns, and the regular fee was
paid to them. It is apparent that the City of Boston has ac-
tually paid the established fee, together with the bounty, to each
and all of the men recruited by the said Dunham, and in the

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not lawfully be applied to purposes beyond the usual fee to Agents, and the trustees duly established by votes of the City Council. From these circumstances the Committee on Volunteers are constrained to conclude that the claim of the Memorialist, if justly due, in law or equity, is a matter to be considered by the Standing Committee on Claims, and they recommend that it be referred to said Committee. John S. Tyler, Chairman. Read, accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. June 4. Came up concurred.

With
Committee

Ordered: That the Committee on Laying out and widening Streets be and they are hereby authorized to sell the several parcels of land adjoining to the City on the western side of North Street; the same being portions of the estates which were purchased by order of the City Council to widen said street. And the Mayor is authorized to execute in behalf of the City the deeds necessary for the conveyance of the land aforesaid. The proceeds of the sale made by virtue of the same shall be applied to the expenses of laying out and widening Streets. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. June 11. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 13 1863.

Discharged
Committee

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds have received the petition of the Trustees of the Episcopal Church for the construction of a gateway in the rear of the Church in Springfield. That, by leave to Rev. Dr. [Name] upon examination of the premises they are satisfied of the necessity of making a permanent entrance to the rear of the church and also of some further repair and improvement of the

grounds. There is no appropriation, however, to which the expense 263.
of such work can be charged, except by order of the Civil Service Commission.
and the Committee therefore recommend the passage of the
accompanying order. In the Committee, Rich. T. Smith, Chairman.
Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings & Land they
hereby are authorized to construct a permanent gateway in the
rear of the Discharged Soldiers Home, Springfield Mass, and to make
such other repairs and improvements of the premises as they may
deem expedient, at an expense not exceeding five hundred dollars,
the same to be charged to the appropriation for War Expenses Read
twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. June 4. Name of concurred.
Approved by the Mayor, June 6. 1863.

Ordered: That the following bills

for services rendered or materials furnished by persons connected, Bills
directly or indirectly, with the Civil Service, be paid, and
at their request and demand in the usual manner as follows:
Sumner Crosby; two hundred and two dollars and ninety cents,
for hundred and twenty seven dollars and thirty one cents;
J. M. Lighter three hundred and twenty seven dollars and
eighty five cents; J. M. Lighter five dollars and eighty five cents;
J. M. Lighter eight dollars and thirty four cents;
J. M. Lighter ten dollars and eighty three cents; twenty
two dollars and fifty two cents. J. M. Lighter ten dollars and
twenty five cents; thirty two dollars and twenty
seven cents; Holbrook and Harlow, two hundred and six dollars
and ninety cents. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence.
June 4. Name of concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 6. 1863.

Public Garden be credited to the appropriation for the Common and
Public Squares. Read twice and passed. Sent down to committee
June 11. come up concurred. Approved in the House June 12. 1862

The order submitted to the
Board on the 25th ult. fixing the salary of the Inspector of Allick
at eight hundred dollars per annum, was read a second time
and passed. Approved by the House June 3^d 1862.

The Bond of Edward J. Jones
a Constable of this City appointed in September 1862, having been
first approved by the City Council was also approved by this
Board. Approved in the House June 3^d 1862.

The order submitted to the
Board on the 25th ult. for the improvement of a new
Commercial Street from Hanover to Prince Street at a cost of
seven thousand dollars, was read a second time and passed. Ap-
proved by the House June 3. 1862

The order submitted to the
Board on the 25th ult. for the improvement of a new
City Wharf Street at a cost of six hundred dollars, was read
a second time and passed. Approved by the House June 3. 1862

Ordered: That in repaving
Green Street between Everett Street and Bowdoin Square, Bow-
doin Square and Ward Street between Everett Street and
under the authority and direction of the order passed Dec 22^d
and approved by the House Dec. 24th 1862 at the cost of the City
Railroad

206. ~~1863~~ ~~Order~~ ~~That~~ ~~the~~ ~~following~~ ~~resolutions~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~ ~~read~~, viz., 7 1/2
inches long, 1 1/2 inches wide and not less than 7 inches deep, as
the ~~Metropolitan~~ ~~Railroad~~ ~~Company~~ may see. ~~Ordered~~ ~~That~~
~~and~~ ~~work~~ ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ ~~done~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~manner~~ ~~as~~ ~~before~~
and ~~the~~ ~~Metropolitan~~ ~~Railroad~~ ~~Company~~ ~~has~~ ~~in~~ ~~before~~ ~~Sept~~
tembre 15. 1863. ~~Ordered~~ ~~That~~ ~~a~~ ~~copy~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~above~~ ~~orders~~ ~~be~~ ~~sent~~ ~~on~~
the ~~Metropolitan~~ ~~Railroad~~ ~~Company~~. ~~Read~~ ~~twice~~ ~~and~~ ~~passed~~. ~~Approved~~ ~~by~~
the Mayor June 3^d 1863.

Cornhill

~~Ordered~~ ~~That~~ ~~in~~ ~~reparing~~ ~~the~~
open space in front of Scott's Building and Cornhill under
the authority and direction of the order passed Dec. 22^d 1862
and approved by the Mayor Dec. 23^d 1862, at the cost of the
Metropolitan Railroad Company 7 1/2 inch blocks or larger or square
stone blocks of the following dimensions may be used, viz., 7 1/2
inches long, 1 1/2 inches wide and not less than 7 inches deep as
the ~~Metropolitan~~ ~~Railroad~~ ~~Company~~ may see. ~~Ordered~~ ~~That~~
a copy of the above order be sent on the Metropolitan Railroad
Company. ~~Read~~ ~~twice~~ ~~and~~ ~~passed~~. ~~Approved~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~Mayor~~ ~~June~~ ~~3^d~~

Loas

~~Ordered~~ ~~That~~ ~~the~~ ~~Chief~~ ~~of~~ ~~Police~~
be and he is hereby directed to cause all dogs found at large in
this City, which are not licensed and colored according to law
to be destroyed except by order. The order is now in force and
the first time it has been used. The expense attending the execution
of the order is to be paid for the appropriation in 1863 and
1864 and passed. ~~Approved~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~Mayor~~ ~~June~~ ~~3^d~~ 1863

On petition of the Uttopri 267.

Iron Railroad Company for leave to construct an independent track June 2. 1863

east of Union Building to connect their present track with Union Building. It is hereby Ordered that notice be given by the petitioners to all parties interested, and to the Union Railroad Company and to the Maryland Railroad Company, that this Court will on Friday the nineteenth day of June instant at ten o'clock A.M. take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when and where objections thereto may appear and be heard: said notice is to be given by publication of said petition and this order therein in all the daily papers of this City.

Whereas it appears to this

Broad that a nuisance exists on premises corner of Seneca Street, caused by dirt and filth on said premises, belonging to John Moore which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all dirt and filth at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board

that a nuisance exists on premises 34 Seneca Street, caused by dirt and filth on said premises, belonging to J. L. Moore, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all dirt and filth at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Seneca Street.

June 2, 1863

Seneca
that

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises 25 Seneca Street caused by dirt and filth on said premises, belonging to John Collins, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all dirt and filth at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Seneca
that

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises 25 Seneca Street caused by dirt and filth on said premises, belonging to Patrick Lummus which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all dirt and filth at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Board
that

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises 28 and 30 Adams Street caused by covering vaults on said premises, belonging to John Dupree, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by causing said vaults to be cleansed at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Middlesex
Emmett Street

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises on Middlesex and Emmett

that caused by stagnant water on said premises, belonging to
H. L. Braham, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabi- June 2, 1861.
tants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health
be, and he is hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abate
d by removing stagnant water at the expense of said party, who
having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said
nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises situated in Sand
Place
Place caused by dirt and filth, manure and open and exposed
vaults on said premises, belonging to C. J. Sand which is danger-
ous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That
the Superintendent of Health be, and he is hereby directed to cause
said nuisance to be abated by removing all dirt, filth and manure,
and cleaning and repairing vaults at the expense of said party,
who having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said
nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises situated in Nashua Court
Nashua Court
Court caused by dirt and filth on said premises belonging to Daniel
Fair and Martin Fung, agent, which is dangerous to the health of
the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of
Health be, and he is hereby directed to cause said nuisance to
be abated by removing all dirt and filth at the expense of
said parties, who having been duly notified by him, have ne-
glected to abate said nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises 345 and 345 Harrison Av-
Harrison Avenue
enue caused by dirt and filth and gas coming out of said premises

270 is, belonging to Allen Lenny which is dangerous to the health
June 2. 1863. of the inhabitants, it is hereby ordered, That the Superintendent
of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance
to be abated to wit: remove all dirt and filth and repairing said
vault at the expense of said party, who having been duly
notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Springfield
Hed.

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises 55 East Springfield Street
caused by an overflowing vault on said premises, belonging to
Michael Hale, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants,
it is hereby ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he
is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated to wit:
repair said vault and at the expense of said party, who, hav-
ing been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said mis-
nuisance.

India.

On petition of A. Harris & Co. and
others that the sidewalk on India Street from North to Central
Avenue may be widened, the Committee on Petitions reported
leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Central
Hed.
edgestones.

Ordered: That the Chief of
Police be directed to notify the owners and abutters N^o 50 Central
Avenue the westerly corner of Broad and Central Streets,
to furnish new edge stones to support the sidewalks within twelve
months but that, in default thereof, the same will be done by the
city, at their expense, according to law.

India.

Ordered, That the Chief of Po-
lice be directed to notify the owners and abutters on India Street
between North and Central Streets to furnish new edge stones

to support the Adirack, within twenty days. And that, in default thereof, the same will be done by the City, at their expense, according to law. 271.
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The Committee on the Common and Public Squares, to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Lee to be employed to water the lot on Union Street, to which street some hundred dollars per month are paid to Rent: that they have made an agreement with Mr. James Breen to water the same at seventy five dollars per month. They therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Eli Verney, Chairman. Read and accepted. Jones.

Whereas this Board has visited the premises upon which Henry Jones is erecting buildings, and forming of the lot on Union Street, and having found a nuisance existing upon the same, consisting of stagnant water, filth and mud, and no means provided for draining the same, and the buildings now being erected on said premises not being properly constructed, it is hereby Ordered: That the subject be referred to a Special Committee to report to this Board such action as they shall deem necessary. Passed: and Aldermen Clark, Standish and Marsh were appointed on said Committee. Serru.

The Committee on Internal Affairs to whom was referred the petition of Mr. John D. to leave to erect a Stable on West Cedar Street, and the remonstrance of E. E. Tucker and others against the proposed erection of said stable, report: that the premises have been visited and the parties heard by said committee and as the erection of said stable would Holt

72 | cover the entire year 1881 leaving no opportunity for light and
| ventilation excepting from the wind and ice, they deem it im-
| prudent to grant the prayer of petitioners. In the Committee, S. C.
| Clark, Chairman. Read and laid on the table.

Ruth

Shed.

Ordered: That the Superintendent
of Sheds be authorized to repair Ruth Shed, and make such things
to in the grade of said Shed, as he shall deem necessary, and
remove all such projections on the line of said Shed as he shall
deem dangerous; also to close all openings in said Shed, which
are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City;
and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to
become dangerous, and which the owner or occupants have re-
fused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost three
hundred dollars. Read once.

Second

Shed

Ordered: That the Superintendent
of Sheds be authorized to repair Second Shed between Second
and Third Streets to the same line as the former Shed and ice shed
and to remove all such projections on the line of said Shed, in accordance
with the Ordinances of the City, and to close all openings in said Shed
on the line of said Shed as he shall deem dangerous; also, to
close all openings into said Shed not secured in accordance with
the Ordinances of the City. Estimated cost fifteen thousand dol-
lars. Read once.

Third

Shed.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police
be directed to require the owners on said Sheds to law their side-
walk with brick or cobble stones within twenty days; and that, in
default thereof, the same will be done by the city, at their ex-
pense, according to law.

Ordered, That the Superin-

273.

tendent of Sheet be authorized to repair said court, and make such changes in the grade of said court, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said court as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said court, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owner or occupants may refuse to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost two hundred dollars. Read once.

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Corn
Court.

Ordered: That the Superin-

tendent of Sheet be authorized to grade with gravel Silver Sheet between E. and J. Streets, when the obstructions shall have been removed from said sheet. Estimated cost three hundred dollars. Read once.

Silver
Sheet

Ordered, That there be paid

to Joshua Brewster the sum of three hundred dollars for any and all damages sustained by the lease of the Trach estate, so called, on account of the widening of Mulberry Street in the year 1862, upon his giving an acquittance and discharge for all claims of tenants of said estate of any nature whatsoever. Read once.

Brewster

Ordered: That the Superin-

tendent of Sheet be authorized to repair Central Sheet between

Paul and India Streets and make such changes in the grade of said sheet, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said sheet as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said sheet, which are not se-

Central
Sheet.

274 cured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and
the same shall be removed if repairs are not made to become
dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to
repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost, five hundred
dollars. Read once.

Beacon

Street

Ordered: That the Superintendent
of Streets be authorized to pave the gutters, macadamize and
curb drain Beacon Street, between Berkeley and Wisconsin
Streets, in conformity with the established grade, and remove
all such projections on the line of said Street as are found
dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street not secured
in accordance with the Ordinances of the City. Estimated cost
two thousand dollars. Read once.

Beacon

Street

Ordered: That the Chief of Police
be directed to notify the abutters on said Street to lay their sidewalks
with brick or flat stones within twenty days; and that, in
default thereof, the same will be done by the City at their ex-
pense, according to law.

Washington

Street

Lock Square.

Ordered: That in repairing Wash-
ington Street between Lincoln and Lock Square, and Lock
Square, under the authority and direction of the order passed July
14th 1882 at the request of the Middlesex Railroad Company, such Lock
Blocks or Rockpat or Quincy Granite Blocks of the following dimension
may be used, viz: 24 inches long, 12 inches wide and not less than
7 inches high. And said Middlesex Railroad Company may elect
Ordered: That said work shall be commenced, in the manner
specified in said order, by and said Middlesex Railroad Company,
on or before August 15th 1882. Ordered: That a copy of the above
order be served on the Middlesex Railroad Company. Read once.

Ordered: That in repairing

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that that from Green Street to the corner of Bowdoin Square under the authority and direction of the order passed Dec. 15, 1862 and approved by the Mayor Dec. 16, 1862 at the order of the Middlesex Railroad Company, that such work shall be done in granite blocks of the following dimensions may be used, viz: 7 to 9 inches long, 4 inches wide and not less than 7 inches deep, as the said Middlesex Railroad Company may direct. Ordered, that said work shall be commenced, in the manner specified in said order, by said Middlesex Railroad Company on or before Sep. 15, 1863. Ordered: That a copy of the above orders be served on the Middlesex Railroad Company.
Read once

Middlesex
Railroad

Ordered: That in repairing

Green Street.

Green Street from the corner of that to the easterly corner of Bowdoin Square under the authority and direction of the order passed Dec. 22, 1862 and approved Dec. 23, 1862, and so much of Bowdoin Square as lies between Cambridge and Green Street and a distance of forty feet from the sidewalk in front of the block of stone buildings now standing on said Green Street under the authority and direction of the order passed April 9th and approved by the Mayor, Jan. 7, 1863 at the order of the Cambridge Railroad Company, that such work shall be done in granite blocks of the following dimensions may be used, viz: 7 to 9 inches long, 4 inches square and not less than 7 inches deep as the said Cambridge Railroad Company may direct. Ordered, that said work shall be commenced in the manner specified in said order, by said Cambridge Railroad Company on or before Sep. 15, 1863. Ordered: That a copy of the above orders be served on the Cambridge

Bowdoin
Square.

Cambridge
Railroad

276 Rail Road Company. Read once.

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Alincity
Report

The Committee on Licenses, to whom were recommended their report upon the petition of Jacob A. Hathorne for an extension of his Omnibus route to Faneuil Street, for permission to run omnibuses in Tremont Street, and for leave to run both ways through Hancock Street, together with sundry petitions in aid of, and remonstrances against, the same, have fully considered the subject and respectfully recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, J. S. Anshaw, Chairman. The question being on the acceptance of this report Alderman Clark moved to amend the report in the substitution of the following, namely: Read: The undersigned, a member of the Committee on Licenses, to whom were referred the petition of J. A. Hathorne, does now to submit the following Report. In his opinion the license asked for should be granted. The extension of the route of the largest line of omnibuses southward, the establishment of a new line on Tremont Street, and the running both ways on Hancock Street instead of one way, (as it now done,) in the way proposed and desired by the petitioner, is, in the judgement of the undersigned, what the wants and convenience of the public require. The demand for such increased accommodation is undoubtedly such as to make it an object for the petitioner to grant it, if allowed by the city authorities. It is well known to the public, and have implicit confidence in him as an eminently suitable and competent person for the management of such business, and no objection can be urged to him in this regard. The facts are substantiated by recommendations and petitions in aid of the request of said Hathorne and otherwise, and no evidence is necessary in a matter

in which addressed itself so peculiarly to the good sense and common sense of the people of this land. The petitioners have now more so regarded it, and did not ask for a special hearing, and in the hearing when granted at the instance, or in consequence of certain circumstances did not see fit to occupy time in proving what was apparent on suggestion. Mr. Parker finds it necessary to build a stable on Faneuil Street for the accommodation of the horses and coaches and in that case the coaches must pass over the road any way and may as well take advantage of the opportunity to pass over the road. I find no objection to this extension any way independent of the consideration. Therefore in Faneuil Street the coaches have run one way and the cars the other. Now they both run the same way and afford no facilities for riding up the street; and this simple request being for a coach only once in fifteen minutes, seems to me would be a very great accommodation to the residents and occupants of streets on Faneuil and its adjacent streets. The principal objection raised by the railroad companies seems to be, that they have to pave the streets; therefore the omnibuses should not be allowed to run on those streets. In the recent locations of those railroads the city have made it a part of the condition of the locations that they should pave the streets and keep them in repair, and they have accepted those locations understandingly; why then should they object to omnibuses running on those streets and make them answer which? they pay taxes to the city and to the United States all that is required of them, and people who ride in those conveyances are tax payers, and why should they not be allowed to use the common thoroughfares of the City of Boston? That the interests of existing rail

and companies should prompt them to object it to be expected, they would like and ultimately an entire monopoly of the business and will spare no effort in season and out of season, to compass this end. But it is apparent that they are not entitled to such a monopoly and should not have it. The streets are public highways owned by the public in common, created, bought and paid for by them, under the broad right of eminent domain; and no corporation or body of men have or can have any vested exclusive right in them. Suitable regulations and restrictions are contemplated by law as to the mode and extent of their use, and may be required out of due regard to the rights of the public in general. But this is to regulate their use in common, not for the purpose of creating a monopoly or interfering with a proper competition in business. The power to grant or refuse licenses in particular cases is a regulating power, not designed to grant a new or original right but to regulate an existing one; such matters in the main are generally left to regulate themselves, like other matters of business according to the interests and judgements of men, this is safe ordinariness. Only one stage line is desired or asked for on these roads; it is unquestionable that large numbers of people travel in the common carriage in the cars, this is proved by the fact stated at the hearing, and which is undeniable, that over one and a half million of passages have been and are demanded and furnished yearly in the coaches as they have been far run; this furnishes a good test of the feeling of the public in regard to them and shows their prosperity. A healthy competition is useful in all business, it secures low prices, good order and a due regard to the wishes and a watchful care of the rights of others and the public generally. The use will be good

in the matter now in question and it was found its illustration 291
in a striking way in the conduct of the horse railroad when after Jan 2. 1863
they had bought off the lines of stages they supposed they en-
joyed a monopoly, and in the history of the Citizens' Line, the
reason which rendered it necessary, and in the course pursued
by the railroad since. Let the coaches be driven off, and entire
dominion given to the railroads, all of which are fast centraliz-
ing and combining in one, and they will soon do as they please
putting both the city and the public at defiance when their inter-
est require it and they no longer have occasion to care or buy
fairs and do not have a fair competition. The public arise and
require both words of command and at them to be repaired, resist-
ed and restrained and left to work their own way and both will
strive to serve the public faithfully and will thrive in doing.
The railroad companies at the hearing charged that the omni-
buses were nuisances; this comes with an ill grace and is not true
in fact: they take up less room and obstruct the streets less than
the rails and the cars, in the opinion of many if not all disinterest-
ed persons. The railroads are a nuisance and an injury to the city
except the railroad companies and those who ride on them generally.
Thus much all will admit at least. Loaded teams and large
vehicles for passengers and freight are necessarily incident to busi-
ness and to the population of a city like ours with its surround-
ings and cannot be avoided. The Streets are designed for all neces-
sary public and private uses in all the quarters and extent of busi-
ness and no unnecessary or excessive right is asked for by the
horse proprietors. A vote taken. - The question being on the adoption
of Alderman Clark's motion, the further consideration of the subject
was adjourned to Monday next.

Adjourned to Monday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

Common Council of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Thursday the fifth day of June, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Paul and Penhallow.

Emerson

Petition of Henry Emerson for appointment as a local Highways. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Witcherson

Petition of John Witcherson for leave to contract for the paving of certain streets of this City. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Bates

Petition of George Bates and others that Railroad Lane may be repaired. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Union

Union Horse freight railroad

Petition of the Union Horse freight railroad and others against the acceptance by the City of an Act to incorporate the Union Horse freight railroad company. Referred to the Committee on this subject. Not down for concurrence. June 4. Came up concurred.

Noyes

Petition of Seth A. Noyes to be indemnified for expense of a suit brought against him as a Justice of the Peace. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Not down for concurrence. June 4. Came up concurred.

Leach

Ordered: That there be paid to Charles Leach as part of the City of Boston the sum of eighteen hundred and fifty dollars, to and taken to wit: in William Street and for other damage the said sum was

have sustained by the cutting off and repairing the build- 281
ing on the South side of the road upon the main line June 4, 1863.
the City and for the same, and an acquittance and discharge
for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said tak-
ing; and the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidat-
ed claims for laying out and widening streets. Read twice and
passed. Approved by the Mayor June 5, 1863.

Leave was granted to Sands'
and circus company to exhibit their circus on the Fair Grounds
June 8-13 at South Boston on the 15th and at East Boston June 16th.

William C. Farwell was ap- Coalweigher
pointed a Weigher of Coal in this City.

Leave was granted to Eben- Intelligence
zer & Son to keep an Intelligence Office at 100 South Street
Office

Agreeably to assignment the Suffolk
court took up the subject of the proposed division of the
Metropolitan Railroad. The court heard the arguments of
Charles F. Smith as counsel for the Metropolitan Railroad Company and
Suffolk and Metropolitan Railroad Companies. and it appearing that
due notice had been given of the pendency of the petition of
the Metropolitan Railroad Company the petitions of both Corpora-
tions were heard at the same time. H. M. Esq. appeared for the
court in behalf of the claims of the Suffolk Railroad Company
and Samuel B. Esq. appeared in behalf of the petition of
the Metropolitan Railroad Company. In addition to some
memorandaes of the court rendered against said railroad
in Boston Street and near N. Water Street in regard of the

282. Boston Sugar Refinery to the location in Webster Street. Petition in aid of the Metropolitan Line signed by Clara M. Holmes and others and by George A. May and others were presented and read. After the hearing of testimony was concluded the question of consideration of the subject was assigned for Tuesday next at ten o'clock, a.m. and the Board then

adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Monday the eighth day of June, Anno Domini, 1863.
Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Read

Four hundred and three Petitions

now shown for the United States District Court

Read

Petition of Maria Smith to have to construct a coal fire under sidewalk of 87 Chester Park. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Read

Petition of Charles Ayres and others that certain street, it was and may be improved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Read

Petition of Mary J. Swinick to be compensated for personal injuries sustained by her from an alleged

direct in relation to same and should be referred to the Committee on Finance. June 8, 1863.
The Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. June 11, 1863.
of concurred.

Petition of St. Mary's Institute for abatement of Water Tax for 1862. Referred to the Committee on Water. Sent down for concurrence. June 11, 1863. Concurred.

Whereas it appears that some New York
affairs are being made on the Bridge at the foot of Summer Street
connected with the Boston and New York Central Railroad
and it is very desirable and necessary for public convenience
that some improvement should be made in the draw of the
rail bridge. Ordered: That the Harbor Committee be instructed
to give the subject immediate attention with the view of removing
as far as within their power any inconvenience now existing.
In Common Council. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor.
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Harbor Master New York
be instructed to remove forthwith any obstructions to the free
passage of vessels through the draw of the Bridge of the Boston
and New York Central Railroad at the foot of Summer Street. In
Common Council. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Came
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Treasurer Loan
be and he is hereby authorized to borrow under the direction
of the Committee on Finance a sum not exceeding one million
of dollars in anticipation of the income of the financial year
1862-63, and that all sums of money obtained under this
act shall be made payable within the said financial year.

284 Common Council. Referred to the Committee on Finance. Came up June 8, 1863. In concurrence. Read and concurred.

~~motion~~

~~Committee on the~~

~~the~~

~~The Franklin Club~~ an association of young men, at its dissolution deposited in our hands the funds then in the treasury, with authority to dispose of them in such manner as we should deem judicious. We now offer to the City of Boston the sum of one thousand dollars, to be placed at interest forever, for the benefit of the Public Library, on the following conditions, namely: In trust, that the income of this fund, but its income only, shall year by year be expended in the purchase of books of permanent value for the use of the Free Public Library of the City, and as far as practicable of such a character as to be of especial interest to young men. And without wishing to impose upon those who may administer the fund an inflexible condition, we would express a preference for books relative to Government and Political Economy. Resolved, Thomas Hinns, John French, Franklin Reed, Trustees of the Franklin Club. Read and agreed to the Committee on Public Library. Sent down for concurrence. June 11. Came up concurred.

Lunham

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Volunteers on the petition of William E. Lunham, to be compensated for recruiting service, have considered the same and beg leave to Report: That W. E. Lunham alleges that he was appointed a recruiting agent by the State of Boston the 1st of July, 1862, to recruit men, and that he received no compensation therefor, or of the outlay which he himself made. The Committee are satisfied that

Mr. Lunnham received no special authority as a recruiting agent 285
which entitled him to any consideration beyond other recruiting agents June 1, 1862
agents appointed at the same time. He and they were to be com-
pensated for their efforts in enlisting men in proportion of those actually
for such recruit enlisted, upon the certificate of the command-
ing officer of the company in which the recruit was mustered.
In this way Mr. Lunnham received fees for the enlistment of four
men. If he enlisted other men, for money he then spent, or
went to other expense, with a view, as he says was the case, of se-
curing a commission for himself, and for any reason he failed
in that object, the City has no interest or responsibility in the
matter, which was one purely of private enterprise. The Commit-
tee therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.
In the Committee, (W. K. K. Chairman. Read and accepted.
Sent down for concurrence. June 11. Consented to.

Ordered: That the Superin- Milk
tendent of Streets be authorized to repave Milk Street between Sheet
Batterymanch and Broad Street, and make such changes in
the grade of said street, as he shall deem necessary, and re-
move all such projections on the line of said street, as he shall
deem dangerous, also to close all openings into said street, which
are not secured in accordance with the Ordinance of the City,
and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to be-
come dangerous, and which the owner or occupants have failed
to repair after due notice to that effect, estimated at not more than
and fifty dollars. Ordered, that the Chief of Police notify the owner
or owners of estate at 134 Milk Street to furnish new sidewalks to
support the sidewalk in front of said estate within seven days.

286 and that, in default thereof, the same will be done by the City,
June 1. 1863 at their expense, according to law. Read twice and passed. Ap-
proved by the Mayor June 9. 1863.

One

Sheet

The order submitted to the Board on the 2^d instant for the Superintendent of Streets to pave One Sheet at an expense of two hundred dollars, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 9. 1863.

Bath

Sheet.

The order submitted to the Board on the 2^d instant for the Superintendent of Streets to repave Bath Sheet at an expense of three hundred dollars was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 9. 1863.

Second

Sheet.

The order submitted on the second instant for the Superintendent of Streets to pave Second Sheet between F and Dorchester Streets, Dorchester Sheet between Second and First Streets, and Second Sheet between Dorchester and F. Streets, came up for a second reading, and the question being on the passage of said order the Yeas and Nays were demanded thirteen and were taken as follows: Yeas. Aldermen, Messrs. Clark, Senior, Richmond, Hunt, and Wells, James, Brewster, Thorne, John H. May, Aldermen. Nays. None. The said order was adopted. Approved by the Mayor June 11. 1863.

Four

Sheet.

The order submitted to the Board on the 2^d instant for the Superintendent of Streets to macadamize Four Sheets between Second Sheet between Second and Dorchester Streets, and on Third of Third to nothing between Second and Fourth of Second Sheet to lay their sidewalks, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 11. 1863.

The order submitted to the 287

Board on the second instant for the Superintendent of Streets June 8, 1863
to repair certain East Street and East Street
a cost of four hundred dollars was read a second time and
passed. Approved by the Mayor June 9, 1863.

The order submitted at Brewster

the order of the Board on the second instant for the
at Brewster three hundred dollars for the damage
from the widening of Sudbury Street on the Leach estate was
read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 9,
1863.

The order submitted to the Silver

Board on the second instant for the Superintendent of Streets
to grade Silver Street with gravel from East Street was read a
second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 9, 1863.

The order submitted to the Washington

Board on the second instant authorizing the Cambridge
Road Company in repairing Washington Street between Cambridge
and Lake Square and Lake Square to the top of the hill
for a lining grade of which dimensions therein specified,
was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor
June 9, 1863.

The order submitted to the Green Street.

Board on the second instant authorizing the Cambridge
Road Company in repairing Green Street and between Green
and Lake Square to the top of the hill for a lining grade of which
dimensions therein specified, was read a second time and passed.
Approved by the Mayor June 9, 1863.

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Ord. on the second instant authorizing the Middlesex Jail
Board to purchase in advance of the first and second of the
time and paid. Reported to the Mayor June 9. 1863

Order of the

Board.

Ordered: That due notice be
given that this Board will, on Monday next at ten o'clock
P.M. take into consideration the expediency of constructing the
common sewer in Salem Street between Richmond & Cooper,
and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons, who may
pass their premises under the same. No person, who
by any means, shall receive any benefit thereby.
Any person, making objections thereto, will then and there be
heard.

St. Matthew's
Cemetery.

The Committee on Cemeteries
to whom was referred the subject of St. Matthew's Church Cemetery
and the same states and reports that the same is a nuisance
and injurious to the health and comfort of the neigh-
borhood, have examined the premises and report that this cem-
etry is located under the building recently known as St. Ma-
thias Church, on the southerly side of Broadway: that said
building was recently sold to the Trustees of Masonic Hall, who propose to erect a new
and substantial structure in that location. The Committee are
informed and believe that this cemetery is of ancient date and
is now in a state of ruin and is a place of interment, it has for many
years been in a precarious and dilapidated state, and this
Board has in former years believed further interests to be made

that Your Committee recommend, in view of these facts that 289
said cemetery should be discontinued as a place of interment. June 8/863
At the end the committee report the following order by which
in the Committee, A. S. Green, Chairman. Whereas, in the opinion
of this Board, the safety and health of the inhabitants of this
city require that the Cemetery, a place of burial, under the
building situated on the South side of Broadway and former
known as St. Matthew's Church should be discontinued as a
place of interment, it is hereby ordered: That due notice be given
to James Seluce, Walter Thurston, and John A. Gains, three of the Pro-
prietors of said Cemetery, and to all other parties interested, that
this Board will on Monday June 10th instant, at 5 o'clock. P.M.
take into consideration the expediency of the discontinuance of
said Cemetery, as a place of burial, when any person objecting there-
to may appear and be heard.

Agreeably to assignment June 10/863
the Board took up the subject of the petition of Andrew
Seluce, Walter Thurston and John A. Gains owners of the
horse power on 32 34, South Wharf - and it appearing that due
notice had been given of the pendency of said petition and
that no persons appeared to object to the same, it was voted
on motion of Alderman Andrew that the prayer of the pe-
tition be granted.

Agreeably to assignment the Alderthorne
Board considered the subject of the reports on petition of
John A. Gains for extension of the route - when Alderman
Andrew moved that Monday next be a special for the further
consideration of the same, and that the reports be printed
which motion prevailed.

The Superintendent of Streets

Since

Shed.

Shed.

Shed owned by John Gigg, and situated in a brick yard there are unprovided with chains and are unfit for habitation, it was voted that the Board visit the premises on Friday next at ten o'clock, A.M.

Salmon

Shed.

Whereas the coal hole or excavation in front of Estate No 50 Salmon Shed is reported by the Chief of Police in an unsafe and dangerous condition, it is hereby Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owner and occupant of said Estate No 50 Salmon Shed to cause the said coal hole or excavation under the sidewalk to be rebuilt within four days of the date of this order in a manner satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets; if not done within that time the Superintendent of Streets is directed to close the same at the expense of the owner of said Estate.

Border

Shed.

Whereas, the Chief of Police has reported certain sidewalks on Border Shed to be in an unsafe and dangerous condition, it is hereby Ordered: That the Chief of Police notify the owner and abutters on Border Shed, between Harwich Shed and Entaw Shed who have not laid their sidewalks with brick or flat stone, to lay their said sidewalks with brick or flat stone within twenty days and that in default thereof, the same will be done by the City at their expense, according to law. It is further Ordered: That the Justices of the Peace be directed to lay the same of the parties who fail to comply with the above order and assess the expense on the owner of the same in proportion to the said sidewalks must be laid.

Whereas it appears to this

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Board that a nuisance exists on premises N. 3 East Springfield Street caused by an overflowing vault on said premises, belonging to Michael E. Hall which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing the contents of said vault at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Springfield
Street

Whereas it appears to this

Eden

Board that a nuisance exists on premises in Eden Place caused by an obstructed drain on said premises, belonging to C. M. Mather, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all obstructions from said drain at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Place.

Whereas it appears to this Board

Seneca

that a nuisance exists on premises N. 40 Seneca Street caused by dirt and filth on said premises, belonging to Thomas Thompson, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all dirt and filth at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Street.

Whereas it appears to this Board

Shawmut

that a nuisance exists on premises situated on Shawmut Avenue,

Avenue

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since of Marlham Street, caused by stagnant water on said premises, belonging to Paul Davis, Frank J. Fowler and Nathan Collier, to which the Board of Aldermen is indebted. It is hereby ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to remove said nuisance and to remove it as soon as it is found and claiming the said lot, at the expense of said parties, and, having been duly notified by him, have neglected to abate said nuisance.

First

The Auditor submitted to the Board his Annual Report for the year of 1862, which was read and ordered to be printed.

Laurentine

Ref.

Submitted to the Board the following order: That the Laurentine Street be and it hereby is placed (until otherwise ordered) in charge and under the direction of the Committee on Licenses and Taxes. Read twice and a signed in consideration on Monday next.

Commissioners

According to the report of the Committee on Licenses, Henry Emerson and William W. Draper were appointed Assessors of Seal in this City.

Market

are.

Leave was granted to John Gordon to transfer his interest in lot No. 2 in New Transit Hall Market to Thomas Locater.

Mayor

The Board of Aldermen have to construct a coal hole under sidewalk at 18 Pinckney Street. The Committee on Paving reported that leave is granted upon the owner of the estate giving a bond to comply with such condition and regulations as the Board of Aldermen shall

adopt in relation to excavations under sidewalks. Read and
accepted.

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Leave was granted to Henry Hill
and to open the Howard Athenaeum for Dramatic Performances on
Saturday Evening.

Minut

On petition of Alexander H. Jones
for permission to erect a Cistern and Pump on the pier of Lever
and Bridge for the purpose of obtaining salt water of the duct,
the Committee on Bridges reported that the petitioners have leave
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Jones

The Committee on Steam
Engines, who were directed to report what fee should be paid to
the weighers of boilers and heavy machinery in the city, and
what regulation, if any, are necessary to carry out the act of the
Legislature in relation to the weighing of boilers and other heavy
articles, recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For
the Committee, S. A. Snow, Chairman. Resolved: That the weighers of
boilers and heavy machinery be authorized to charge for their ser-
vice fees not exceeding fifty cents per ton on all articles weighed
by them, under the act in relation to the weighing of boilers and
other heavy articles, passed April 23^d 1863. Read once.

Boilers &
Machinery

Whereas, it appears to this
Board that a necessity exists for the construction of a sewer
in Union Street, from Friend Street to Hanover Street, and that
public notice of such intention has been given, it is hereby or-
dained that the Superintendent of Sews be and he is hereby di-
rected to construct a common sewer in said Union Street from a
point a short distance of the expense thereof to this Board, from

Union Street

and

Want to know. Read more

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School
Committee
Minutes
1911.

pointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes it
appeared that ~~Samuel B. Williams~~ had no votes. ~~and~~
Mr Underwood having a majority of ballot was accordingly
elected a member of said select committee for the remainder
of this Municipal Year.

The business of the convention having
been accomplished the two branches separated and the Board

Adjourned to Thursday next at ten o'clock, Am.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on
Thursday the eleventh day of June Anno Domini, 1865.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Anshau,
Spinney and Tyler.

The consideration of the subject Metropolitan
of the proposed extension of the location of the Metropolitan & Suffolk
Suffolk Railroad such things as it is considered proper
a report for in their petition was referred to the Board.
The evidence in behalf of the Metropolitan Railroad having
been concluded. Mr. Burt addressed the Board in behalf of
the Suffolk Railroad at the conclusion of his remarks it appear-
ing that there was no quorum of the Board present the remaining
members adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Monday the thirtieth day of June, June Term 1863.

Present.

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Agar.

Petition of John Agar and others that measures may be taken to prevent the ringing of Church Bells at other than the usual hours. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Allen.

Petition of Jesse A. Allen to be paid for land taken to widen Leicester Street. Referred to the Committee on Street.

Ann.

Petition of Eliza C. and Nancy Ann Harris to be paid for land taken to widen Lindall Street. Referred to the Committee on Street.

Exler.

Petition of Thomas A. Exler and others that Washington Street between Blackstone & Franklin Squares may be widened. Referred to the Committee on Common.
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Daly.

Petition of Eugene Daly and others residents of the Common and Public Squares that the reasons for their discharge from the Department of the Common be examined and reported to the Committee on the Common.

Bancroft.

Petition of Herman G. Bancroft for an Innholder's license at 103 105 Causeway Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Richard.

Petition of Calvin S. Richards and others that Chester Place may be accepted. Referred to

the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Holmes and Goulwin

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to leave to alter the location of the cellar doorway at 29-30 South
Market Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Holmes

Petition of Old Vinch's Police

Final

that Green Street may be repaired. Referred to the Committee on
Paving.

Petition of Suffolk Rail Road

Suffolk

Company to leave to lay a track or car track in Green
Street and to maintain their tracks as now constructed in Court
Street near Buifinch Street also to extend their track on the easterly
side of the Fitchburg Railroad Station. Referred to the Committee on
Paving.

Petition of the proprietors of Commercial

Commercial

Street, to leave and alter wharves that the grade of Commercial
Street in that vicinity may be raised. Referred to the Committee
on Paving.

Street.

Petition of Dennis McElwain, late

McElwain

an employee in the Internal Health Department, that an in-
quiry may be made into the occasion of his discharge from
said department. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

On nomination by the Mayor,

Special

the following persons were appointed and confirmed as Special Po-
lice Officers at the places designated, Edward L. Smith at Fitchburg
Railroad Depot, Henry C. Stone at Deputy Sheriff, Samuel B. Stone
at Police, William A. Stone at Police at East Boston.

Police

Whereas, in the opinion of the

Board of Health,
that the signs on the
corners of
the street

that the signs on the corners of the street, which are
certain portion of the street adjacent to the Custom House on the
eastly and westly sides thereof, should be discontinued, it is
therefore hereby Ordained, that public notice be given that this
Board intends to discontinue: 1st A parcel of land on the west-
~~ern side of said street~~ ^{side of said street} being nine feet in
length and ten feet and ²⁵ in width: and 2nd two parcels of
land on the eastly side of said Custom House, being each nine
feet in length and five feet wide; the said parcels being colored
blue and green in a plan made by S. S. Gray, Esq., the Com-
missioner of the Board of Health, and that, Monday, the twenty-ninth day of
June at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any
objections which may be made thereto.

Lobby
of the
Board

Petition of Michael Duff

and other petitioners in the Annual Health Department that
this notice may be presented to the Board of Health with a request that it be favorably considered. Read and
Heldman Spinney moved to refer it to the Committee on In-
ternal Health and to instruct it to report favorably thereon. H.
Heldman Spinney moved to amend that motion by striking out
all after the word "Health" which motion prevailed and
said petition was referred without any instructions.

Board
Street

No person appearing to object to
the proposed construction of a sewer in said street from Rich-
mond Street to a sewer that, except Thomas Foster and Jonathan
Foster who remonstrated against the same. Said subject was
recommended to the Committee on Sewers.

An invitation for the Board 299.

to dine with the National Lancers this day on the occasion June 15. 1863
of their Anniversary, was accepted. Lancers.

A communication from the Bumstead
School Committee stating that that body had no further use Court
for the Primary School Room in Bumstead Court. A report in School House
Common Council to the Committee on Public Instruction, came up
in concurrence. Read and concurred.

The Board of Land Commis- Poland
sioners to whom was referred the petition of William C. Poland for
leave to purchase land on Concord Street, on certain conditions, hav-
ing fully considered the subject, and reported the following Report. That in May 1859 Mr. Poland purchased of the
City of Public Auction three lots of land on Concord Street upon
certain conditions, one of which was that the buildings to be erect-
ed on said lots were to be completed ready for occupancy within
two years from the 16th of May 1859. That during said period Mr.
Poland paid to the Treasurer the sum of nineteen hundred and
one dollar and six cents, which amount was placed to his credit
upon the Bonds given for said land, that owing to various causes,
the principal one of which was the present distracted state of
the County he was unable to comply with the conditions ex-
pressed in his agreement of sale, and therefore was obliged to let
the City take possession of the same. The Commissioners believe
that the petitioner is entitled to some pecuniary assistance, have
ordered to sell him two lots of land on East Concord Street at one
dollar per foot, and have the amount which was paid on the Bonds
which have been paid to the City which would be given
for the land on Concord Street, they therefore recommend the pass-

June 12 1863
The date of the accompanying order. In the Commission, this
June 12 1863. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby
authorized to transfer the amount paid to William C. Bond in
bonds numbering eighteen hundred, eighty two, eighteen, forty eight and
eighteen, fifty nine, which were given for lot 15, 14, and De Worcester
Square and endorse the same, it being the sum of nineteen hun-
dred one dollars and six cents, on to the bonds to be given by said
Bond for land on Concord Street. Read in Common Council. Un-
animously concurred. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor
June 24. 1863.

Ordered: That the Auditor of
Accounts be and he is hereby authorized to make his Annual Report of the
Receipts and Expenditures of the City of Boston, and the County of
Suffolk for the financial year 1862, as required in the 11th section
of the Ordinance in Finance, in print and that there be
one hundred copies of the same be distributed among the in-
habitants of the city for their information in conformity with
the requirement of the 11th section of the City Charter; and
that that be appended thereto copies of the Auditor's Accounts in
print. Read in Common Council. Unanimously concurred. Read
and concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 24. 1863.

The Board of Trustees of the City
Hospital respectfully represent to the City Council that the time
has arrived when provisions should be made for securing the
necessary furniture for the Institution. They understand that the
last appropriation will not be needed to complete the present
and existing buildings that is contemplated for the current year,
and they request that ten thousand dollars thereof be placed at

their disposal to purchase what may be needed for furnishing.

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Thomas C. Inouy, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That ten thousand dollars of the appropriation for completing the City Hospital be placed at the disposal of the Trustees of the Hospital for the purchase of the necessary furniture. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. June 18 came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, June 24, 1863.

June 15, 1863

The Committee on the Library,

Franklin Club.

to whom was referred a communication from Albert Thomas Inouy, son of Thomas and J. Inouy and son of the late Benjamin Inouy, to whom the following is due and order of J. Tyler, Chairman. Resolved: That the City Council gratefully accept, and acknowledge, the donation of one thousand dollars by the Franklin Club, and that the income be applied to the use of the Public Library, on the conditions prescribed in the communication from the donor, as far as may be practicable. Ordered: That the City Treasurer be, and the Clerk is, authorized to receive from the Trustees of the Franklin Club the donation of One Thousand Dollars and to invest the same in City Six percent corp, the income to be annually appropriated to the Trustees of the Public Library to the purchase of Books of permanent value, relative, as far as practicable, to government and political economy. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. June 25. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 30, 1863.

Library

Letter of William Gordon

Gordon

that the City would purchase for preservation a memorial of the City and the Boston Common, which he has manufactured from said tree. Read and sent down.

City and

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Resolving

Resolved: That in addition to the several papers authorized to do the City Advertising the Boston Sunday Herald be employed at a compensation of fifty dollars per annum. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

South
Street

Resolved: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to remove the round stone paving on South Street in front of the Superior Court House and substitute there a gravelled roadway with paved gutters. Estimated cost ten hundred dollars. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 24. 1863.

The order submitted to the Board on the eighth instant to pay Jacob Beck the sum of five hundred dollars for lease damages on account of his removal from estate of Franklin Dexter Davis by reason of the widening of Union Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 16. 1863.

Meridian

Petition of William C. Meridian &c and others that the wagon stand of Putnam and children may be located at the northeast corner of Franklin Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Union
Street

The order submitted to the Board on the eighth instant to the Superintendent of Streets to construct a sewer in Union Street from Friend Street to Sumner Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 24. 1863.

The report and order which were submitted to the Board on the eighth instant regarding

not exceeding fifty cents per ton for weighing boilers and
not exceeding fifty cents per ton for weighing boilers and
not exceeding fifty cents per ton for weighing boilers and
not by the Mayor June 24. 1863.

303.

A lease of room No 9 Old State
House to George H. & James H. Reed for three years from April 1st
1863 at an annual rent of five hundred and fifty dollars,
payable quarterly, was approved by the Board.

Lease

A lease of room No 23 Old State
House to Benjamin Pond for three years from April 1st 1863, at an
annual rent of one hundred and fifty dollars was approved
by the Board.

Lease

A lease of the first story of
the Old State House in Washington D.C. and the other story
of said building to Charles A. Smith for three years from April
1st 1863 at an annual rent of twenty eight hundred dollars pay-
able quarterly was approved by the Board.

Lease

Ordered, That the order

Carton.

passed Dec. 1. 1862 in relation to a construction of vault under
the sidewalk in Water Street by J. H. Carter be and the same
order is rescinded. Ordered, That J. H. Carter have leave to con-
struct a vault underneath the sidewalk on Water Street in
front of said Carter's Estate, to be constructed in a manner dis-
cretionary to the Superintendent of Streets and upon his giving
to the City a bond, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to comply
with all existing ordinances and all ordinances which may
hereafter be made in relation hereto under whatever
name and form.

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Quarantine

Ordered, That from the first day of July until the first day of September next, all vessels arriving at this Port, which have any sickness on board, or which may have had any sickness during the voyage, or which have come from any place where malignant diseases at any time prevail shall be required to report themselves to the Port Physician, at Quarantine, before proceeding to the City. No vessel coming within the above named condition, can leave Quarantine, without the sanction of the Port Physician, who is hereby authorized and instructed to take any measures, in regard to such vessels, and to make such rule and regulation for their government, while in Quarantine, as in his judgment the security of the health of the City may require. And, for the permit so granted, the said Port Physician shall have the right to demand and receive from each vessel, her master, or owner, the fee which it has been customary to charge at this Port in like cases. Ordered, That the provisions of this order be and they are hereby made to be the provisions of the foregoing order to be strictly enforced.

Metropolitan
& Suffolk
Railroads

Ordered: That the Metropolitan and Suffolk Railroad Companies be notified that their board will assume the consideration of the subject of their respective petitions in connection with the proposed bill.

House

House

On the petition of James C. McKee and others that a bill may be passed, and of John A. Ware and others that the Lincoln Place may be freed, the committee on Paving reported that as said board and place

the private property, the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

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On petition of Henry Smith Smith.

That Stevens Place and Lincoln Place may be accepted, the Committee on Paving reported that it is inexpedient to accept the same. Read and accepted.

Leave was granted to Buckley, Brothers to give concerts at their New Hall, corner Chauncy and Summer Streets.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses William Timmins was appointed a boulevardier in this City.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police notify the owners and abutter on Bedford Street between Kingston and Summer Streets to furnish new edgestones to support the sidewalk within twenty days. And that in default thereof the same will be done by the City at their expense according to law.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the case of the Board of the Association, relating to the location of buildings to Henry Sperry, in and to be known as the "New York Tower" and others, in the City of New York, have considered the subject, and report that the buildings, now in process of erection by Mr. Sperry, are placed at so low a grade, that they cannot be properly drained; and it is at least very doubtful whether they can be maintained and occupied after their completion without becoming such a nuisance as will be dangerous to the

can be used, that it not injured to the natural rights of the
tidal waters. The buildings which are complained of as being June 15 1863
in process of erection at a grade that must inevitably create
a nuisance are situated on lands which do not, as matter
did belong to the Boston Water Power Company, and where as
yet there are no public sewers, no common sewers and no water
pipes. Without these conveniences, the territory cannot well be
inhabited. Your Committee, therefore, as the most efficient means
of prevention within their control, recommend that notice be given
to all parties concerned, that no trusts will be accepted,
by the City, until they are brought to a proper grade, and that
no sewer or water pipe will be laid that are not adapted
to such a grade. And then if persons persist in building at
objectional grade, let the water be withheld and all other pub-
lic conveniences withheld by the City. If this be done, the
evil must soon work its own cure. For the Committee, Alfred
Cook, Chairman. Read, accepted and ordered to be printed.
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The Committee on Paving, to Metropolitan
when was recommended the petition of the Metropolitan
Railroad Company, dated on so much of said petition as relates
to a tunnel in Faneuil Hall, near the State line and between
the City of Cambridge and the City of Boston, and crosses at the
corner of Lane and Washington Streets, the accompanying rules
of location. For the Committee, Dr. Luke Smith, Chairman. Or-
dered: That the Metropolitan Railroad Company be, and the
same shall be, authorized to construct and maintain a tunnel
at the corner of Lane and Washington Streets, and adjacent to
the land of said Company, commencing on the west side

company are also authorized to construct and maintain two curves | 309
of suitable radius at the intersection of Iowa Street with Wash- June 15 1863
ington Street, on the westerly side, the one curving southerly, and
the other curving northerly, and connecting with their existing
tracks in Washington Street, with the switches necessary to the con-
venient use of the same. ^c The right to lay down these curves is
upon the express proviso and condition that said Company
shall agree to comply with before mentioned provision and
condition as to keeping in good order and complete repair, and
repaving the portion of the roadway and cart-way of Wash-
ington Street at the intersection of Iowa Street, and fifty feet
of said Washington Street, both northerly and southerly of Iowa
Street, and fifty feet of Iowa Street, westerly of Washington Street. ^d
Also, that the whole work of laying down said curves to be done
under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Committee on
Paving, and the Superintendent of Streets, and completed within
four months of the date of the passage of this order, and that
thereupon a short piece of rail across the main track on Wash-
ington Street, between said curves, shall be removed. Also, under
the further express proviso and condition, that said Company
shall accept this said order of location, and agree to comply with
its several provisions and conditions, in writing, within twenty
days of the date of its passage, and file said acceptance and agree-
ment with the City Clerk, otherwise it shall be null and void.
The roadway or cart-way, mentioned in this order, is to include
the whole space between the edgestones supporting the sidewalks
on both sides of the street. Said on the table and ordered to
be printed. / s/ City Clerk. 1863.

it is hereby ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is
hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing
an obstruction and the same repairing and clean at the ex-
pense of said parties, who, having been duly notified by him,
have neglected to abate said nuisance.

311.

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Whereas it appears to this
Board that a nuisance exists on premises 12 Hawkins Street, caus-
ed by dirt and filth on said premises, belonging to Daniel O'Hall,
which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Or-
dered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is hereby di-
rected to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all dirt
and filth at the expense of said party, who, having been duly
notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Hawkins
Street

Whereas it appears to this
Board that a nuisance exists on premises of Prince Street caus-
ed by a privy vault, dirt and filth on said premises, be-
longing to Patrick Curran, which is dangerous to the health of
the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of
Health be, and he is hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be
abated by cleaning said vault and removing all dirt and filth
at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified
by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Prince
Street

He was referred to the Committee on Finance, to
whom was referred the petition of Meredith A. Sullivan, and
the order of the Court in relation to a temporary loan
for the financial year 1863, in anticipation of the tax, and
also recommended the petition and requested that the

Sullivan

Finance
Committee

12. order for the loan being a necessary, as well as a usual proceeding, ought to pass. In the case of Sullivan they recommend the purchase of the same. In the case of the same, J. J. Sullivan, chairman. Ordered: That the Board be authorized to pay the interest on the same, as provided in the act of April last, on receiving satisfactory security to indemnify the City from all loss in consequence of said payment. Read once.

Shawmut
Avenue

Whereas, it appears to this Board that a necessity exists for the construction of a sewer in Shawmut Avenue between Oakland and Newton Street, and that public notice of such intention has been given, it is hereby Ordered, that the Superintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby directed to construct a common sewer in said Shawmut Avenue, and to report a schedule of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read once.

Commercial
Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repave Commercial Street between Spruce and Pine Streets and make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he may deem dangerous; also, to close all openings into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost about hundred dollars. Read once.

Bedford
Street

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repave Bedford Street between

Kingston and Summer Streets, and make such changes in 313.
the grade of said street, as he shall deem necessary, and June 15. 1863.
remove all such projections on the line of said street as he
shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said street,
which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of
the city; and those which are so much out of repair as to
be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occu-
pants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. esti-
mated cost one thousand dollars. Read once.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Garden Court Street, and
make such changes in the grade of said street, as he shall
deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the
line of said street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close
all openings into said street, which are not secured in ac-
cording with the Ordinances of the city; and those which are
so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and
which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due
notice to that effect. Estimated cost four hundred dollars. Read once.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade to its width and to the es-
tablished grade Saratoga Street, East Boston, between Byron Street
and the common wharf to said Strand. Estimated cost one
thousand and five hundred dollars. Read once.

Adjourned to Thursday next at 7 1/2 o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board
of Aldermen of the City of New York at Mechanics' Hall on
Tuesday the nineteenth day of June, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen
King, Spinnar, Tenchum, Lenox and Kern.

Metropolitan
and
New York
Railroad

Accordingly to assignment the
Board resumed the consideration of the petition of the Me-
tropolitan and New York Railroad Company for extension of
their location to the Avenue of the Americas below the
and other street as heretofore described and after hearing the
argument of E. S. Ledy, Esq. for the Metropolitan Railroad com-
pany and of H. S. Bond, Esq. for the New York Railroad company,
the Board voted that the subject be committed to the
Committee on Paving.

Adjourned to Friday (tomorrow) at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of New York at Mechanics' Hall on
Friday the nineteenth day of June, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Ten-
chum, King, Lenox and Kern.

Metropolitan
Railroad

Accordingly to assignment the
Board took up the subject of the petition of the Metropolitan
Railroad Company for leave to remove their shafts back east

Edwards Building and substitute a curved track on a point 315
still further east of their present location or in other words
to run over a portion of the curved track of the Suffolk Rail

Road Company at that point: and it appearing to the Board
that due notice of the pendency of said petition had been
given to the abutter, C. S. Sibley, Esq. appeared for the Metropolitan
Railroad Company and explained the advantages of the plan
proposed. Charles E. Powers, Esq. appeared for the Middlesex Rail
Road Company and objected to the removal of the straight
track proposed, and also to the change in manner of run-
ning the cars on their track as has been suggested by some
petitions. At the close of these opening statements the further con-
sideration of the subject was postponed to Monday next at five
o'clock, P.M. And the Board then

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston and at Richardson's Hall
on Monday the twenty second day of June, Anno Domini, 1863.
Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

Petition of E. Downing &
others that edgestones may be furnished by the abutter on Prince-
ton Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Downing

Petition of William Sumner
and others that edgestones may be set in Worcester Square.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Sumner

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Maine.

Petition of William J. White, for
leave to conduct certain bulkheads to which No. 2 Cambridge St.
and on Portland St. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Maine.

Petition of William Grant that
"Chesterland St. from South to Ellice St." and Ellice St. from
Chesterland St. to Harvard St., may be paved. Referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Maine.

Petition of Thomas M. Nye for
permission to use the town to grade on Goddard St. in his
own way, and not by the contractor who has undertaken the
work. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Maine.

Petition of J. G. Maine & others
that the City would aid them in furnishing and completing
the fountain in Boston Common. Referred to the Committee on
the Common and Public Squares.

Maine.

Petition of A. P. Hackett to have
to exhibit a Quiz to Bear on Boston Common on July 4th next.
Referred to the Committee on Common and Public Squares.

Maine.

Petition of Samuel Haldie, for
leave to use a certain place of business. Referred to the Committee
on Licenses.

Maine.

Petition of Nathaniel Laver &
others that an additional Alarm Bell be placed in the vicinity
of certain Squares. Referred to the Committee on Fire Alarm.
Laid down for concurrence. June 25. Came up concurred.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Finance submitted to the Board on the fifteenth instant the order for the Treasurer to pay the interest coupon on Bond 4379 due April 1st 1863, provided the City be indemnified against all loss, was read a second time and passed. And when in concurrence. July 2nd came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 3. 1863.

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William

In accordance with the report of the Committee on Finance the order authorizing the Treasurer to negotiate a loan of One Million of dollars in anticipation of the income of the present financial year, was read a second time and passed. Yeas Aldermen Amory, Clark, Senio, Freshour, Marsh, Kearsy, Paul, Rice, Spinney, Thandish, Herron, and Mr. B. Clark. And when in concurrence. July 2nd came up concurred. Yeas 27. Nays none. Approved by the Mayor July 3rd 1863.

Temporary
Loan.

The Common Council having referred to the Committee on the City Hospital the communication of William Goodwin respecting a Memorial of the Old Elm. The said action came up for concurrence. Read and this Board concurred therein.

Goodwin
Old Elm.
Hospital

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be instructed to present each member of the City Government with a copy of the Lithograph of the City Hall entirely framed, and charge the expense to the appropriation for Incidentals Expense and Miscellaneous Claims. Read in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 24. 1863.

New City
Hall
Lithographs

March 1863

Richard

Resolved: That the salary of the Mayor be increased to \$1000 per annum. Resolved in Common Council, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 24, 1863.

March

Resolved: That the members

of the City Council have heard with sorrow of the death of John L. Cox, the Assistant Treasurer of the City, late of this City, formerly a member of this body, and connected with other important and honorable municipal trusts. Resolved: as an earnest, sincere and uncompromising love of his country, a citizen of genuine and elevated public spirit, a dignified and honorable gentleman, a sagacious and prudent counsellor, a warm, true and faithful friend, his memory will be justly cherished, and his loss deeply regretted, and most cherished and most regretted by those who knew him. Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his family, as a respectful expression of public sympathy in their personal loss. Passed in Common Council, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 24, 1863.

Port

Physician

The Common Council having elected John L. Cox as Port Physician, and after coming up for concurrence: and the ballots having been taken & counted it appeared that the whole number was 12. Resolved: as a resolution of John L. Cox may be in the name of the Council. Resolved: That John L. Cox was elected in concurrence.

Remotest lot:

School House

The Committee on Public Instruction to whom was referred the communication from the Mayor

Committee setting forth the fact that the School Fund in Sum- 370
mer Court will not be required for school purposes after the ex- June 22, 1863
piration of the present school term in July next. Report that the mat-
ter appears to require no other action on their part, than to re-
commend that it be referred to the Committee on Public Build-
ings, for their consideration. Read and concurred. Came up
for concurrence. June 25. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Ordinances City
reported an Ordinance of three sections entitled "An Ordinance Hospital
concerning the funds belonging to the City Hospital" - being City
Topic. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 24, 1863.

Ordered, That the Superin- Central
tendent of Streets and Highways directed to remove the tree
in the median space in the sidewalk of Central Avenue. The
same being deemed a nuisance to the public travel. Read twice
and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 24, 1863. Square
tree.

The order submitted to the Shawmut
Board on the fifteenth instant for the Superintendent of Streets
to construct a sewer in Shawmut Avenue between Rutland
and Vinton Streets, was read a second time and passed. Ap-
proved by the Mayor June 24, 1863. Avenue

The order submitted to the Bedford
Board on the fifteenth instant for the Superintendent of Streets
to acquire Bedford Street between Kingston and Summer Streets
was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 24, 1863. Street

June 22. 1863 on the fifteenth instant to the Superintendent of Streets to repair Garden Court Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 24. 1863.

Commercial Street on the fifteenth instant to the Superintendent of Streets to repair Commercial Street from Court a Court Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 24. 1863.

Stratoga Street on the fifteenth instant to grade to its width Stratoga Street, Court Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 27. 1863.

Market Hall Ordered: That the lease to John S. Walker of cellar N. 3. Council Hall Market be and the same is hereby declared forfeited from and after the first day of July next. Provided, that if the said lease shall satisfy the Committee on the Market that said violation shall not be again repeated they may, if they shall deem it expedient, allow said lease to occupy said cellar for the remainder of his term. Approved by the Mayor June 24. 1863.

Lindall Street Whereas, the owners of the estate on the corner of Congress and Lindall Street have without permission excavated a coal hole in the sidewalk on Lindall Street in front of said estate it is hereby Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners of said estate to close up said coal hole and fill in and make solid the excavation made for the same within three days of the date of this order. If this order is not complied with, the Superintendent

ent of said lot to be used for the purpose of the lot of the owner of said estate.

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Ordered: That Worcester Square

Worcester Square

as laid out by the City of Boston in 1852 between Washington Street and Garrison Avenue be and the same is hereby accepted, and placed in charge of the Board of Aldermen. Read twice and passed. Approved by Mayor June 30, 1863.

On petition of Suffolk Rail

Suffolk Railroad

Road Company for leave to lay and maintain a new compound rail upon their location in Richmond Street also to maintain their track as now constructed in Court Street, also to extend their turnout track on the easterly side of the Suffolk Railroad Station. To change their track and connection near Felt's Building so as to conform to the new location of tracks by the Metropolitan Railroad Company: it is Ordered, that fourteen days notice be given by the petitioners to the aldermen on the streets above mentioned that this Board will on Thursday the ninth day of July next at ten o'clock, A.M. take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition when any party objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by publication of said petition with this order thereon, in all the daily papers of this City.

Ordered: That the Committee

Police

on Police consider and report upon the expediency of procuring a small steam traction engine for the use of the Police Department.

Police

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322. Telegraphic Railroad Company for leave to construct a car-
rue 22.1863 track east of Herding Building and to remove their straight
track to within same and the Board of Rail Road Com-
pany by John L. Burke its Resident and Charles E. Farrow of
appeared and opposed so much of the petition as condemned
is the removal of the straight track - after having the parties
the Board re-committed the Subject to the Committee on Railways.

Guthrie

The consideration of the Subject
of the extension of the rule of J. H. Guthrie's Omnibus Line, as
signed for this day, was again postponed to Monday next.

Hell

Stable

On motion of Alderman Glass
the Board took from the table the report giving leave to
withdraw on the petition of Hell, Stableman & Co for leave to build
a stable for more than four horses on their lot on West Cedar
Street - and the question being on the adoption of said re-
port - Alderman Price moved to amend said report by substitut-
ing the following language - that leave be granted to the peti-
tioners to erect a stable for more than four horses in said locali-
ty which shall be approved in its construction and arrange-
ment by the Committee on Internal Health - which motion was
raised and the report as amended was accepted.

Amended

The Finance Committee have
amended the Salary Bill, which passed this Board on the 14th
all as follows, viz. Sec. 2. Shall seven hundred & no more
instead of seven - Sec. 11. Insert twelve hundred in line 3 one
thousand - Sec. 12. Shall fifteen instead of sixteen. Sec. 33. Shall
or fifteen in the second line and amend therein, Sec. 14.

out and he shall be allowed sufficient house room free of 323
rent for himself and family. Sect. 22. Insert ten instead of five. The 22. 1863.
Sect. 23. After words in the last line insert and every five
cents. Sect. 24. Insert twelve hundred instead of one thousand.
Sect. 25. Insert garden instead of and ten. Sect. 26. Insert cents
instead of Aren. Sect. 31. Insert six instead of five. Sect. 34. Amend
so that women of Irish and Italian language shall have \$1.75.
Assistant Firemen 10¢/150. Stewards \$1.50 and members \$1.25. On Steam
Engines - Enginemen \$1.75. Firemen 10¢/60. Firemen of Horse \$1.75. Horse-
men \$1.50. On Horse Horse Companies, Firemen \$1.75. Horsemen \$1.50. This
motion came up for concurrence. Read and assigned for Monday
next.

On petition of Truman G. Bancroft
Bancroft for an Innholder's License at 103-105 Causeway Street,
the Committee on Licenses reported that the petitioners have
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On the notice of intention to Hull
build by John A. Hall in corner of School Street and Chapman
Place, the Committee on Streets reported that no action is neces-
sary as to the line of the street, but that the subject of the coal
hole is referred to the Committee on Parking. Read & accepted.

On petition of certain employ- Common
ees on the Common respecting the case of John A. Hall
for the street. The Committee on the Common reported
that no further action is necessary as a majority of the
petitioners have returned to work at former prices. Accepted.

On the petition of Patrick Blaney
June 22. 1865. for leave to construct a coal shed under the sidewalk at corner
Church Street and Richmond Street the Committee on Paving reported
that leave be granted upon the owner of the estate giving
bond to comply with such rules, regulations and conditions as
the Board of Aldermen may or shall adopt in relation to ex-
cavations under sidewalks. Read and accepted.

North

On petition of Charles South for
leave to construct a coal shed under sidewalk at 87 Chester
Street the Committee on Paving reported that leave be gran-
ted upon the owner of the estate giving a bond to comply
with such regulations and conditions as the Board of Alder-
men may adopt in relation to such excavations. Accepted.

Home

On petition of James & Madison
for leave to alter the location of the cellar doorway at 29 1/2
South Market Street the Committee on Paving reported that
leave be granted upon the owner of the estate giving a
written agreement to close the present bulkhead and make the
sidewalk solid, and to construct the new one of stone in a
manner satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets. Read and
accepted.

Final

On petition of Otho Vinal Jr. and
others that Green Street may be repaired the Committee on
Paving reported that as said street has been ordered to be
paved no action is required on said petition. Accepted.

led to the Board the following resolve respecting the use of
 the crackers ^{the} which damage and destruction ^{to} the
 city have heretofore been caused by the firing of crackers, and
 the turning of powder in the street, and other ^{acts} in the
 violation of the ^{city} ordinances, in violation of the
 laws and ordinances of the city; and whereas it is believed
 that public sentiment as well as propriety calls for the sup-
 pression of the dangerous practice; therefore, ^{Resolved} That the
 Chief of Police give public notice by advertisement in the
 newspapers and by hand-bills, that all violations of the laws
 & ordinances in relation to the turning of powder, crackers and
 fireworks will be prosecuted according to law; and that he be,
 and he is hereby directed to use special care to have the said
 laws and ordinances fully executed. Read twice & rejected.

Whereas it appears to this Board ^{Essex}
 that a nuisance exists on premises ^{Essex} No. 10 Essex Street caused
 by dirt and filth on said premises, belonging to Henry Smith
 Elder, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is
 hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is,
 hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by remov-
 ing all dirt and filth at the expense of said party, who, having
 been duly notified by him ^{has} neglected to abate said nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board ^{the} the nuisance
 that a nuisance exists on premises ^{Essex} No. 22 Essex Street
 caused by an obstructed drain on said premises, belonging to
 Patrick J. Smith and John Smith which is dangerous

396. if the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That on
Nov 22 1865 Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to
cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all obstruc-
tion and repairing said drain at the expense of said par-
ty, who, having been duly notified by him, have neglected to
abate said nuisance.

Sanctuary

That

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises 30 Sanctuary Street caused
by an overflowing vault on said premises, belonging to Charles
Lopez, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it
is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and
he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by
entering said vault on behalf to be claimed at the expense of
said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has ne-
glected to abate said nuisance.

Harmon

That

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises 106 Harmon Street caused by
dirt and filth in cellars on said premises, belonging to William
Higdon which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants,
it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and
he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated
by removing all dirt and filth at the expense of said par-
ty, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to
abate said nuisance.

Wagon

Ordered That

Ordered: That all licenses grant-
ed to any person or persons to occupy a Wagon Stand, any part
of Harmon Street, on the easterly side of the Metropolitan Fair
Ground between Harmon Street and the Fair Ground, and
any license or privilege granted in that locality, be null and
void once.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Kingston Street between Summit and Bedford Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City, and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost six hundred dollars. Read once.

Ordered: That the Committee on the Jail be and they are hereby authorized to repair the Jail, at the front entrance of that building, and also to procure new sashes for the six northern windows of the Jail: the expense of the said improvements and alterations will not exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, which sum together with the cost of all previous repairs to said Jail during the present Municipal Year will not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. The expense aforesaid is to be charged to the appropriation for the County of Suffolk. Read once.

Ordered: That the Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of Steam Fire Engines No. 1 and 2, formerly known as the "Atlas" and "Emancipator". Read once.

Ordered: That the Committee on the Fire Department be and they are hereby authorized to purchase

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Kingston

That

Jail

Steam

Fire Engines

to sell

Fire

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June 22. 1863. ing twelve hundred dollars. Read once.

Polygon
Lane

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Polygon Lane, and make such change in the grade of said street, as he shall deem necessary and remove all such projections on the line of said street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said street which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the city; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost four hundred dollars. Read once.

Parson
Street

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Parson Street, and make such change in the grade of said street, as he shall deem necessary and remove all such projections on the line of said street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the city; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost three hundred dollars. Read once.

Prison

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be authorized to state from the account of \$764.33 against the estate of Daniel Brown for constructing sidewalk on Prison Street, the sum of \$16.33. Read once.

Prison
Street

Whereas, it appears to the Board that a necessary spot for the construction of a future

in Salem, between the City and the Board of Public Works, that such public notice of such intention has been given, it is hereby ordered, that the Superintendent of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to construct a Common House in said Salem Street, and to report a statement of the expense thereof to the next annual meeting of the Board of Public Works. Read once.

The Committee on Ordinances City Architect
to whom was referred the subject of establishing the office of City Architect report as per City Sec. 67 an Ordinance providing that the Committee on Public Buildings shall issue proposals in January of each year for performing all architectural services required by City during that year and award such an architect thereby. Read once.

The Committee on Ordinances Library
charged to consider the expediency of a revision of the Library Ordinance, submit the following letter from the President of the Board of Trustees in explanation of the changes recommended. To the Committee, Thomas C. Avery & Boston, June 17, 1863.
Dear Sir: With reference to the draft of the Ordinance for the Public Library, which I transmitted to you last evening, it may be proper to state that it is mainly a consolidation of the two ordinances now in existence. Experience having shown the necessity of a Superintendent as the permanent head of the Institution, it is proposed to place that officer on the same plane of office with the Librarian, instead of making the former the subject of an annual recommendation by the Trustees. As the Trustees are responsible to the City Council and the public for the care and administration of the Library, it seems but just and it is in conformity with usage in other departments

3rd of the government, that they should be entrusted with the power
June 22, 1863 of electing the officers of the institution to be named by
the City Council. It is scarcely necessary to state, that this change
being so necessary, in the opinion of the Trustees, and with
out any intention to interfere in the full of the Trustees to remove
either of the gentlemen who have filled those offices from the
commencement. Their services are, and always have been,
performed to the entire acceptance of the Trustees, in perfect
harmony with each other and greatly to the benefit of the
institution. In the annual election of the names to the City
Council, and in the power reserved to the City Council of re-
moving all officers who may be elected or appointed to the
Trust, it is believed that sufficient security is provided against
any abuse of the discretion with which the Trustees in this respect
must be clothed. I am, Sir, very respectfully yours, Edward
Everett. The Ordinance as reported by the Committee (City Doc
65) was read once.

Submitted to the Board next day on check 24.

At a meeting of the Board

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held at the City Hall on the twenty ninth day of June, June Term, 1863.
Present.

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Twenty two jurors drawn for the Grand Jury: and thirty one likewise drawn for the Superior Criminal Court.

On nomination by the Mayor

Andrew Seave was appointed a Special Police Officer of the City, and Stephen C. Davis was appointed a Special Police Officer at Cambridge Street Court.

Special
Police

On nomination by the Mayor,

Samuel Edward was nominated and appointed a Funeral Undertaker of this City.

Funeral
Undertaker

Petition of Joshua Turner and

others that the City Street gutters may be paved between Oak and Court Streets and the grade raised at that point. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Turner
Oak Street

Petition of Joshua Turner and

others that Oak Street between Albany and Lincoln Streets may be paved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Turner
Oak Street

Petition of Eliza Shimmie

to leave to construct a coal slide in sidewalk of 164 Tremont Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Shimmie

Petition of Holmes & Goodwin

to leave to construct a coal hole at 29 30 South Market Street,

Holmes

June 24. 1863 at the point where the Board discontinued a collection was referred to the Committee on Savings.

Washing

Petition of G. B. and T. B. Wash-
ing for appointment as Auctioneers at No. 60. Hanover Street. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Licenses.

Bigelow

Remonstrance of Alfred Big-
elow and others against granting a license to G. H. Fisher
on Bromfield Street No. 1 and 3. Referred to the Committee on Li-
censes.

Baker

Petition of Cyra A. Baker to be
compensated for land taken to extend Silver Street. Referred to the
Committee on Streets.

City

Architect

The Ordinance submitted at
the last meeting of the Board a proviso for the appointment
of a City Architect was read a second time and passed with
the following amendment: at the close of section one, strike
out "and such proposal shall be for a sum which shall
be in full for all the services, as such Architect, during the year,
and insert "or for any portion of such work and said Commit-
tee may thereupon enter into such contract under said proposal
as shall seem to them most for the public advantage." Sent down
for concurrence.

Steam

the engine

The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board for the Committee on the Fire
Department to purchase a steam engine No. 1 and 2, was read
a second time and passed. Sent down for concurrence. July 2
came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 6. 1863.

Ordered: That the Committee

be in Public Buildings & requested to furnish additional Primary School accommodations in the Summer House District. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Instruction, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

A request from the School

Committee that the City Council would furnish the Hancock School House with Robinson's system of ventilation, was referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Instruction, came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Ordered: That the Salary

of Dr. M. Moriarty, Port Physician & Surgeon, was paid up to the first day of May next. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 30. 1863.

Ordered: That Dr. Moriarty,

late Port Physician be allowed to remain in his present residence at Deer Island free of rent until the first of September next. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor June 30. 1863.

Ordered: That when Mr.

William Salymple the recent purchaser of the Exchange House generously gave to the City Government a sufficient quantity of white oak timber from his estate to manufacture frames for the lithographic pictures of the New City and to be furnished to the members and also a bedstead for the New City Hospital. Received: That the thanks of the Council be presented to

234. Mr. Sanderson's motion for and that the same be
unanimously accepted, and inasmuch as the same must be immediately
acted the Committee making charge of that matter be requested
to see if their immediate attention. Passed in Common Council
unanimously. Concurrence. And was concurred. Approved by
the Mayor June 30. 1863.

Lock Graham

Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor

be authorized to sign such warrants as he may deem it
proper to issue on the Treasury of the United States, a portion
of the sum of Two Millions of dollars, appropriated under the act
of Congress, approved August 31, 1862, for the relief of dis-
charged soldiers, who may arrive in the principal cities, and other
purposes: And done for concurrence.

Emergency
Council

Ordered: That the Treasurer be

authorized to borrow the sum of ^{A.} \$50,000, the same to be expended
under the direction of His Honor the Mayor, if he shall deem
it expedient, for the purpose of fitting out a vessel immediately
for the service of the United States in our harbor and for
the purpose of vessels in the neighboring waters. ^{B.} Passed in Com-
mon Council. Yeas 30. Nays none. Came up for concurrence. And
was concurred with this amendment. Strike out all the words
between A. and B. and insert the following - One Hundred
thousand dollars, the same to be placed at the disposal of
the Mayor and the Committee on the Militia for any
purpose of defense of this city or harbor justified in view, the
sum to be raised by the emergency fund. Yeas Indefinite. Im-
ay, Clark, Denis, Francis, Marsh, Paul, Pierce, Spinner, Thurler,
Thwait and Tyler. Yeas none. Yeas Indefinite. Indefinite.

Sent down for concurrence July 2^d Came up concurred. Yeas 38. Nays 335.

none. Approved by the Mayor July 3 1863.

June 29, 1863

Ordered: That the Committee of Hancock

on Public Instruction is requested to examine and report some
buildings in the vicinity of the Hancock School House, where one or
more classes in that School can be temporarily accommodated.

Sent down for concurrence July 2. Came up concurred. Approved
by the Mayor July 3. 1863.

The order submitted at the last
meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to con-
struct a fence in Salem Street between Cooper and Richmond
Streets, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the
Mayor June 30. 1863.

Salem
Street.

The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board, providing any wagons to stand in
Salem Street near the Chapel Burial Ground was read a
second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 30. 1863.

Remont
Street
wagons.

The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board for the repair of the stone steps
at the entrance to the Jail and also to repair the iron
window frames at a cost not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars,
was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor
June 30. 1863.

Jail
window

The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to
repair Kingston Street between Sumner and Bedford Streets,
was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor
June 30. 1863.

Kingston
Street.

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June 27. 1863. The order submitted to the Board at its last meeting for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Ridgway Lane, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 30. 1863.

June 28. 1863. The order submitted to the Board at its last meeting for the Superintendent of Streets to repair the water race was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 30. 1863.

June 29. 1863. The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Treasurer to abate the sum of \$100.00 for a settlement upon James Ryan for a sidewalk in Charles Street was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 30. 1863.

June 30. 1863. Ordered: That the Chief of Police and Superintendent of Faneuil Hall Market be and they are hereby instructed to enforce at the several Markets within this City the first and second sections Chap. 22. of the Gen. Statute being an Act for the preservation of certain birds and animals. Approved by the Mayor June 30. 1863.

July 1. 1863. Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be requested to nominate to this Board for confirmation a number of Special Police Officers not exceeding two hundred and fifty including the constabulary force for duty on the third and fourth of July. Adopted and passed. Approved by the Mayor June 30. 1863.

Custom House
Street

July 2. 1863. A paper appearing to object to the proposed discontinuance of a portion of the streets around the Custom House and subject was recommended to the Committee

on Streets.

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June 29. 1863.

Order

Ordered: That there be paid to J. G. L. L. for the City of Franklin the sum of \$1000.00 in full for the damages sustained by said firm in their building in consequence of the cutting off a portion thereof to widen Union Street but not including damages for the land taken for the same purpose or any claim of tenants of said estate, upon their giving to the city an acquittance and discharge thereof; and the same to be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening streets. And further that the order in relation to the above matter passed and approved May 26, 1863, be and the same is hereby rescinded. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor July 1. 1863

On motion of Alderman Stand Metropolitan

that the Board look upon in later the location of the Metropolitan Rail Road providing for a turnout on Tremont Street near Roxbury Line and for cross track at corner of State Street and Washington Street and the consideration of said order was assigned for Monday next.

In order to prevent accidents, Streets

and for the convenience of the citizens during the day and evening of July 1, 1863, it is Ordered that the following arrangements be made in regard to carriages, &c.: At ten o'clock A.M., all carriages will be excluded from the street through which the Municipal Procession will pass. At six o'clock P.M. all carriages, vehicles, refreshment stands, &c., will be excluded from Tremont Street at State and Beacon Streets, Beaufort at Province Street, Winter at Washington Street, West at Washington

238 That, beginning at Washington Street, Boylston Street and Square
and ending at Washington Street, Monument at Chestnut Street, Mount Vernon at
Providence Street, the line between at River Street, Charles at Chest-
nut Street, Main at Mount Vernon Street, Mount Vernon at
Temple Street, Garden at Beacon Hill, and Beacon Street at
Forest Street, until after the fireworks are discharged, and
the people have left the common.

That Ordered: That the Chief of
Police be authorized, under the direction of the Mayor or of
the Commissioner of the Committee on Public Safety, to close
the streets of this city, which they may deem necessary to facilitate
the passage of troops, arms and other vehicles any of the
public streets of this city, going to or returning from the Seat of War.

Providence The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Public
Safety Providence Street, was read a second time and passed.
Signed by the Mayor June 30 1863.

Custom House Resolved, That the safety and
convenience of the inhabitants of the city require that a portion
of India Street, adjoining land formerly leased to the United
States, to be used for steps on the westerly side of the Custom House
shall be discontinued and a public street a width of the said
city, bounded as follows: northward by the present line of
discontinuance of India Street there measuring twenty one feet;
southward by the same ten feet and two, eastwardly to land
formerly leased to the United States to be used for steps twenty
one feet; and northwardly by said India Street ten feet and two;

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containing seven hundred and twenty seven square feet and
more or less. Being a parcel colored blue and marked
A on the plan hereinafter referred to. Also a portion of the street
on the easterly side of the said Custom House Site, and adjoining
the same, bounded as follows, viz: Eastwardly by the proposed
line of discontinuance of said street, there measuring nine
feet Northwardly by the same five feet; Westwardly by the said
Custom House Site, nine feet; and Southwardly by land, formerly
released to the United States to be used for steps five feet; containing
forty five square feet, more or less. Being a parcel colored blue and
marked B. on said plan. Also another portion of the street on
the easterly side of the said Custom House Site and adjoining
the same, bounded as follows, viz: Eastwardly by the proposed line
of discontinuance of said street, there measuring nine feet; South-
wardly by the same five feet; Westwardly by the said Custom
House Site nine feet; and Northwardly by land, formerly released
to the United States to be used for steps five feet; containing forty
five square feet, more or less. Being a parcel colored blue and
marked C. on the said plan. And Whereas, due notice has been
given of the intention of this Board to discontinue the said por-
tions of India Street and the Street on the easterly side of the
said Custom House Site as appears by the return hereunto an-
nexed; It is therefore Ordered, that the parcels of land before de-
scribed be, and the same hereby are, discontinued as public street
or ways of the said City, according to a plan of the same made
by S. Knapp Esq., City Engineer, dated June 11. 1863, and deposited
in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board
doth adjudge that the expense of the said discontinuance as afore-
said, will amount to nothing. And twice and again. Approved

Ordered: That the Chief 341.

of Police be directed to see that the regulation of this Board
respecting the stoppages of Horse Railroad cars is complied with
to the care of the Metropolitan Railroad in conformity thereto.

June 24. 1863.
Metropolitan
Railroad

The Committee on Police 1863.

nances, instructed to consider the expediency of providing
for the compensation of those of the Police who are
employed in the Metropolitan Railroad, in conformity with
an act passed at the last session of the Legislature, 1863, Chap.
10, in which act it is provided that the Board of Police
public notice to all parties interested, to appear and present their
views with respect to the change under contemplation. Several
persons representing different interests appeared, and after hav-
ing heard them it was the duty of the Committee to recommend
the passage of the order herewith reported, adopting the act, and
also of the accompanying ordinance, providing that the compen-
sation hereafter shall be fixed and established by the City
Council. There are some reasons why the present system of
compensation by fee is to be preferred to that proposed by the
Board, when the subsistence of the officer depends upon his earning
the fee, there is more security of his performing his duty.
He will more willingly submit to its execution, where the
fee is the recognized right by law of the officer, than where
he is to receive it and pay it over to the public treasury; for
there is less scruple in creating a public charge, than in de-
basing an individual. However, where the fee belongs to the
State, he may be tempted not only to forego the fee, but the
duty, if he is resisted or hindered, from a mistaken

242 And that he is giving up only what it is his own, & in consequence
of the... we should not detect it; for we think no such
should ever be subject to be made except by the stand-
ard weight or measure, without detection, prosecution, and
punishment. Under the conviction that it will be greatly to the
public advantage, we humbly report an ordinance to be
... proposed that public rooms, convenient, ac-
commodated, and convenient, as a due regard to economy with re-
spect, should be provided by the City Government in each of the
two districts into which the City is divided, & that the existence
and nature of the law, requiring weights and measures to be
legal, should be kept constantly familiar to the public. An of-
fice might perhaps suffice for both districts. The past year an of-
fice of one of the Stalors was in Howard Street, and of the other
in Lane Street, both near the line dividing the districts, were
commencing at the foot of Bacon Street, run through Sun-
day, and then both to the water. But the public convenience
would probably be better subserved by having the office of
... It may
not be practicable to procure immediately what may be re-
quired, but in process of time if this be kept in mind, and ac-
commodations be provided, as before, may be provided
in buildings belonging to the City. It is intended that books
of record and account shall be kept, not as at present, at
the caprice of the Stalors, and retained as their property when
they leave office, but which, arranged upon some plan care-
fully proposed and recommended, shall be permanently
kept and belong to the City. And if any more arranged

alphabetically and according to the location of their places 343.
of business, should be accurately prepared and at regular June 29, 1863.
periods revised, with the number of their seals and meas-
ures, and the amount of fees charged and paid. The date
of each successive sealing should be as nearly as may be
in correspondence with the intervals prescribed in law. It is not
necessary that the ordinance, although it describes suffi-
ciently the principal seal proposed, should indicate precisely the
character and number of seals to be used. Hence this department
will be placed under the charge of the committee on seals,
and that it will be made their duty to arrange the neces-
sary details. It has been suggested that the fees shall be com-
puted at the time of the sealing, and a certificate of the com-
mittee due be given to the owner by the Sealer, who shall en-
ter the same in a book to be returned to the Treasurer for col-
lection. The comparison of the returns of different years would
then be some test of fidelity. But this involves much addi-
tional labor and expense. If the fees are to be collected by the
Sealer and paid into the treasury, the experience of the past
indicates the necessity of some way made of ascertaining
if the returns are what they should be, and whether the
fees have been rigorously exacted and duly accounted for.
It can be made a condition of the payment of his salary that
the Sealer, when receiving his quarterly installment shall make
return of the amounts collected, and certify the same under oath,
as also that he has collected all fees due, and paid them
into the treasury, made report in writing as to all violations of
the law and prosecuted the same, and performed all the other
duties of his office prescribed by the statute. In the transportation

244. tion of the Standards to the whims of the coal dealers and
other persons of business, it is necessary that the scales should
have at their disposal suitable horses and vehicles. The late in-
cumbent hired these when wanted, and it was in evidence
before the Committee that the expense was about one dollar
and fifty cents a day for an arrangement of about one hundred
and fifty dogs, &c. &c. There seems no reason why the city
should not own such vehicles as will best answer the purpose,
to be kept at the City Station. It was also stated that the Sealer
required an assistant to aid in moving the Standards from
place to place, for at least half the year. As this duty demands no
skill, one dollar, or at most two, for each day of actual service,
would be all that need be allowed. The ordinance provides that
these assistants may be nominated by the Sealer, to be appro-
ved by the Board of Aldermen, who would probably delegate
the responsibility of determining upon their fitness to the Com-
mittee on Finance or some other committee. In the law, as it
stands, but dealers were obliged to bring their measures to the of-
fice to be sealed. This being inconvenient and often impractic-
able, a special Statute, 1847, chapter 26, provided that in Boston,
if any person using beams, steyants, weights, or measures,
neglected to bring the same to the office of the Sealer, to be pro-
cessed and sealed, the Sealer might either seal them at the prem-
ises of such person, or order them sent to his office for the purpose.
In all such cases, the officer was entitled to charge and receive
under the fee stated in the Statute. Another act, passed 1847, re-
pealed this Statute of 1847, and the General Law was again the
rule for this City, as for the rest of the State. It has been the in-
variable custom for the Sealer to visit and seal on the premises,

and to receive the double fee, and the amount of fees thus realized by such of them appears to have amounted to about three thousand dollars. This sum, in addition to commissions on sale of scales, weight, and measure, and the wage paid for the charge for repair and adjustment received by the scales, made the emoluments of the officer very large. The late act which it is now proposed to accept, requires the scales to be used and sealed at the various places of business, but allows only the fees established by the General Statutes. For the Committee, Thomas C. Imeson, Chairman. Ordered: That the one hundred and twenty-ninth chapter of the Statutes of 1863, relating to Scales of Weight and Measures, be, and hereby is, accepted by the City Council of Boston for said City. In Common Council. Read, accepted and the order passed. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

An ordinance in relation to the sale of Weight and Measures - establishing their duties - the payment of fees into City Treasury, and their own compensation to be paid from City funds. Passed in Common Council with the following amendments: In Sect. 2. after the word "shall" insert "sell, be the agent for selling, or." In Sect. 3. Strike out "Scales" and insert "Scales." Came up for concurrence. Read, and in motion of Alderman Spinner laid on the table.

Weights &c.
Scales
Salary

Ordered: That the Committee on this subject be requested to report what in their opinion is a suitable salary for the duties of Weight and Measures. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Scales of
Weights &c.
Scales

are appropriated by the city council, a maximum of 10% June 29, 1862
and provided also that the city council whenever they shall see cause may remove any of the persons so appointed or elected." After a lengthy discussion on this amendment, the subject was laid on the table.

The consideration of the January Bill which was assigned for this day was again postponed to Monday next.

On petition of Thomas M^c Niff M^c Niff
for leave to take the place of Robert M^c Niff in the usual grade
to his own estate instead of by the lot of the same, the
Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted upon his
giving a bond of relinquishment of grade damages.

On petition of John R. Smith
for leave to construct a Coal Hole under the sidewalk of School
Street at corner of Chapman Place, the Committee on Paving
reported that leave be granted if the owner of said estate will
give a bond to comply with such conditions and regulations as
the Board of Aldermen shall adopt in relation to excavations
under sidewalks. Read and accepted.

Agreeably to the report of Coalweigher
the Committee on Licenses, Samuel Waldron was appointed a
Coal Weigher in this city.

Agreeably to the report of the Auctioneers
Committee on Licenses the following persons were licensed as
Auctioneers - viz: John Tyler, of Central Wharf - Samuel Hatch 10 Ma-
lar Street - N. J. Thompson, Esq. Old State House - Edward L. Hall, 21

the City of New York. George C. Richmond
and of the County of New York. Under the name of George C. Richmond,
Councilman, 45 Paul Street, City of New York. Under the name of
George C. Richmond.

McClary

On petition of Dennis McClary,
an employee in the Internal Health Department that inquiry
may be had into the cause of his recent discharge, the Committee
on Internal Health reported leave to withdraw. Read and
accepted.

Middlesex
Street.

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises situate on Middlesex, Emerald,
and Village Streets caused by stagnant water and insufficient
drains on said premises, belonging to Benjamin White, which is dan-
gerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That
the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to
cause said nuisance to be abated by filling and draining said
land at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified
by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Pleasant
Street.

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises 116 Pleasant Street caused by
an overhanging vault on said premises, belonging to James L. L.
which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby
Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby
directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing the in-
terior of said vault, at the expense of said party, who, having been
duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this 344

Board that a nuisance exist on premises No. 1 and 4 Hibernia
Place caused by excavating vaults open and exposed, and dirt
and filth on said premises, belonging to Alinot street, which is
dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby ordered,
That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby direct-
ed to cause said nuisance to be abated by entering the vaults
to be cleaned, and removing all filth, at the expense of said
party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to
abate said nuisance. Hibernia Place

Ordered: That there be paid Cavanagh
to John and Rich. Cavanagh the sum of five hundred dollars
(\$500) being the balance due under a contract for raising houses
on Albion Street, and the said amount be charged to the unex-
pended balance appropriated for the raising grade &c of Larer
Street. Read once.

Ordered: That the Superin- Princeton
tendent of Streets be authorized to grade, pave the gutters and
set the edgeline on Princeton Street between Hudson and Pin-
cett Streets, whenever the abutters thereon give a written agree-
ment to pay for the edgeline to be set in front of their respective
states. Estimated cost two thousand dollars. Read once. Street.

Whereas, it appears to this All
Board that a necessity exists for the construction of a sewer, in
All Street, between Broadway and South Street, it is hereby order-
ed, That the Superintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby direct-
ed to construct a common sewer in said All Street, and to report
a schedule of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law.
Read once. Street.

June 24, 1863. Ordered: That the Weighers of coal appointed by this Board, pursuant to Chap. 49 of the General Statutes, shall be allowed to charge a sum of five cents for each ton or portion of a ton, not less than five hundred pounds, weighed by them, when called on for all their services including the cost of the weight used, which fee shall be paid by the owner. That certificates made contain the gross weight, the tare and the number of the cart in which the coal was weighed. No person engaged in the business of selling coal shall act as a Weigher. Read once.

Seventh

Order

Whereas, it appears to this Board that it is necessary to the construction of a Sewer, from the foot of Seventh Street, across the Southern Midland Rail Road, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby directed to construct a Common Sewer as above. Read once.

Adjourned to Thursday next, at ten o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Thursday the Second day of July, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Henshaw, Stevens, Tyler and Marsh.

Special
Police

On nomination by the Mayor, John B. Blackpole and one hundred and fifty five others as recorded

in the record of ^{the} ~~the~~ were appointed Special Police Officers 251
to duty in this city on the third and fourth days of July instant. July 2, 1883.

The consideration of the Hathorne's
subject of the extension of Hathorne's Omnibus routes within this
city, which was assigned for this day was again postponed to
Monday next. Line

On motion of Alderman Library
Amey the Board took from the table the Ordinance in relation
to the Public Library, and after a lengthy discussion on
the amendment proposed by him at the previous meeting the
subject was again laid upon the table. Ordinance.

On motion of Alderman Weights &
Amey the Board took from the table the Ordinance in relation
to the Scales of Weights and Measures and the question being
on the passage of the said ordinance it was amended by
striking out from Section 6 the following words "to allow a reason-
able sum for the transportation of his standards" and by in-
serting instead thereof "for transportation for their standards un-
der direction of the Committee on Internal Health". The Ordinance
was then passed. Sent down for concurrence. July 2^d Came up
concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 6, 1883.

The order directing the Com- Weights &
mittee in Scales to select a suitable salary for the Scales of
Weights and Measures was taken from the table and the Board con-
curred in the passage of said order. Approved by the Mayor, July
3^d 1883. Salary

July 2 1863
 Sub
 to be paid.

bills for services rendered, or materials furnished, to persons con-
 sidered worthy or entitled with the City Government, to be paid, provided
 they are approved and allowed in the usual manner, viz:-
 L. J. Bird one hundred thirty two dollars and seventy five cents
 and forty three dollars and seventy three cents: Barber and
 Southland, one hundred and two dollars and fifty cents: Buck-
 ley and Bancroft thirty five dollars and sixty two cents: Som-
 mer lasty four hundred twenty three dollars and thirty eight
 cents, fifty seven dollars and twelve cents: Laiter and Ingersoll
 one hundred and three dollars and eighty four cents, eighteen
 dollars and ninety cents: Fisher & Holden, fifty seven dollars:
 Holbeck and Harlow, two hundred and eleven dollars & eighty
 three cents: J. W. Leighton three hundred eighty one dollars and
 eighty five cents, and nineteen hundred and thirty two dollars and
 ninety two cents: Canfield & Co. fifty two dollars and twenty five
 cents, and forty three dollars and eighty cents: A. W. Pratt two hun-
 dred and ninety two dollars and eighty nine cents: George H.
 Spague, thirty nine dollars and thirty six cents, twenty nine dol-
 lars and eighteen cents, and twenty two dollars and seventy two
 cents. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Same up
 concurred. Approved by the Mayor. July 3rd 1863.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board 353.

of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on July 6. 1863.
Monday the sixth day of July, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Seven Grand Jurors were drawn for the Superior Criminal Court. Jurors.

Petition of John J. Driscoll for a Jurer in Sullivan Street. Referred to the Committee on Jurors. Driscoll

Petition of Flint Parlee for leave to exhibit a Grizzly Bear at 124 North Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Parlee

On nomination by the Mayor John A. Shattuck, Ira McConnell and Lawson B. Patterson Jr. were appointed and confirmed as Peace Officers of the City with all the powers of constables except the power of serving and executing civil process. Police

On nomination by the Mayor Thomas A. Adams, Samuel Newell and Joseph A. Sherburne were appointed and confirmed as Special Police Officers for duty in district of Third Street. Suburban; James H. and James George Young, Eleazer Young, and William G. Young were appointed Special Police Officers on board Steamer Henry Morrison, and Sumner C. Brooks a Special Police Officer at Globe Hotel. Special Police.

On nomination by the Mayor Lafayette G. Howard was admitted a member of Engine Company No. 7, and George W. Smith was appointed fireman, Engine No. 7. Fire Department.

July 8 1863
Fairbanks

be compensated for damages to her estate on Lever Street by reason of the change of grade. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. July 9. Came up concurred.

Sick Soldiers
fund.

The common Council having referred to the Committee on Soldiers Relief the order of the 29th ult^o requesting the Mayor to apply for a portion of the appropriation voted by Congress for sick and disabled soldiers, said action came up for concurrence. Read and this Board concurred therein.

Hancock
Gift

Ordered: That whereas the heirs of Gen^l Hancock generously offered to the City of Boston, his late residence in Boston, for removal and preservation, the Committee to whom the matter was referred would respectfully offer the following Resolve: That his Honor the Mayor be requested to present the thanks of the City to the heirs of Gen^l Hancock for their generous offer, and regret that the obstacles to its acceptance to which it was necessarily subjected, could not have been removed, and thereby enabled them to hand down to future generations a relic around which cluster so many historic associations, as the residence of one whose life was devoted to the welfare of his country, and whose peerless acts, among his contemporaries, stand out in bold relief like the signature to that immortal Declaration, the admission of the world. Passed in common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 7. 1863.

Public
Lands.

The Board of Land Commissioners respectfully represented to the City Council that their office

provision for Public Lands is exhausted, occasioned by the balance 355.
which was on hand at the close of the financial year of 1862. & July 6. 1863.
1863 being placed to the Auditor to the reduction of the City Debt.
therefore an additional appropriation of ten thousand dollars
will be required to meet the wants of the Department during the
financial year of 1863 and 1864. As all appropriations for the
Public Lands have heretofore been provided for to wit: the Board
would respectfully suggest the passage of the annexed order au-
thorizing a loan to the amount required. To the Board of Land
Commissioners, Edw. Rice, Chairman. Ordered: That the same be
and he is hereby authorized to borrow, under the direction of
the Committee on Finance, the sum of ten thousand dollars, and
that the same be added to the appropriation for Public Lands,
to be expended under the direction of the Board of Land Com-
missioners. In Common Council. Passed. Yeas 38. Nays none. Arose
up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas Aldermen May,
Clark, Davis, Greenham, Hatch, Nichols, Sims, Vice Mayor, Stand-
ish, Stearns, July 12. Arose none. Reported to the Mayor July 7.
1863.

Loan

The Inspector in Chief of Bal-
last reported that during the last quarter the fees received by
the Inspector were five hundred seventy six dollars and fifty three
cents. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Balance

The City Physician submitted
to the Board his quarterly report for this containing a state-
ment of his duties during that period. Read and sent down.
In Common Council. Placed on file.

City
Physician

July 6, 1863.

The

The Superintendent of Streets reported to the Board that the expenditures in his department during the last quarter amounted to thirty nine thousand nine hundred and twenty six dollars and sixty eight cents. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The

The Superintendent of Streets submitted to the Board his report for the last quarter from which it appeared he expended the sum of thirty six thousand seven hundred and thirty nine dollars and thirteen cents. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The

pay of

Ordered: That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the firemen of this city the wages, to which they would be entitled as per list and rate of pay, which shall be decided by the City Council. Read twice and passed. Sent to the Mayor for signature. July 9. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 10, 1863.

The

Department

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, the disbursement of \$1,000 for engine No. 12 was approved by the Board.

The
Square

The Committee on the Common and Public Squares, to whom was referred the petition of J. C. Maine and others that the City would aid the abutter on South Square to purchase a certain basin, have considered the same and recommend the passage of the accompanying order. To be read in the City Council. Ordered: That the abutter on South Square be and they hereby are permitted to erect in said Square, under the direction of the committee on the Common and Public Squares a fountain and a basin for and

fountain; and that the Committee on the Common and Pub- 357
lic Square be and they really are authorized to contribute, from July 6. 1863.
the appropriation to the Common and Square a sum not ex-
ceeding three hundred dollars, toward the cost of erecting said
fountain and basin; provided, that all the expense of said foun-
tain and basin, beyond the amount so contributed, shall be
borne by said abutment; and provided, further that when erected
and completed to the satisfaction of the Committee on the Common
and Square said fountain and basin shall become the property
of the City. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor, July
7. 1863.

The order submitted to the Board on the 29th ult to pay John & H. B. Levanagh the sum of
five hundred dollars being the balance due on their contract for
erecting houses on Albion Street, was read a second time and
passed. Approved by the Mayor July 7. 1863. Levanagh

The order submitted to the Board on the 29th ult for the Superintendent of Sewers to build
a sewer in M. Street between Fourth Street and Broadway was read
a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor July 7. 1863. M. street
sewer

The order submitted to the Board on the 29th ult for the Superintendent of Sewers to construct a sewer
at the foot of Seventh Street near the Southern Midland Rail-
road, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the
Mayor, July 13. 1863. Seventh
street
sewer.

The order submitted at the meeting of the Board on the 29th ult for the Superintendent of
Street to pave the gutter and set the edge stone on Princeton Street.
Princeton
Street.

358. An Ordinance to Prescott Street was read a second time & passed.

July 6. 1863. Approved by the Mayor July 7. 1863.

Washington

Street

Resolved: That the Committee on Internal Health cause Washington Street between Franklin and Buckleup Squares to be widened at an expense of the Corporation for Internal Health. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor, July 7. 1863.

Local

Weights

The order submitted to the Board on the 29th ult. establishing rules and regulations for the weighing of local was read a second time and passed.

Salem Street

Lindall

Street

The Superintendent of Streets having reported to the Board that he had cited up within term time in Salem and Lindall Streets, the owners of the abutting estates having neglected to close said excavations after due notice so to do to wit: Resolved that the assessment of \$100 against Jacob Hancock, agent, - and of \$100 against William A. Lane agent, be collected pursuant to law.

Mathew's

Committee

rule

Resolved by a majority of the Board that the subject of the extension of Mathew's Committee rule and the question being on the substitution of the Minority report for the Majority report - Alderman Peirce called for the Yeas & Nays thereon, which were taken as follows: Yeas - Alderman - Avery, Clark, Leno, Marsh, Norcross, Paul, Standish, Stevens, Tyler & Noyes. Nays - Alderman - Bennett, Spinney and Peirce 3. & the motion to substitute prevailed - the question then being on the acceptance of the Minority report it was referred to the Committee on Finance in order that the proper rules may be reported to carry out the views of said report.

Whereas it appears to this 359

Board that a nuisance exists on premises situated on Liberty Square caused by defective urinals and bad drainage on said premises, belonging to Harrison Ritchie, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by thoroughly cleaning and repairing the drains of same, at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

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Liberty Square

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be and they are hereby presented to Oliver Wendell Holmes, U.S. for the highly eloquent and timely oration delivered before the Municipal authorities of Boston on the occasion of the celebration of the Eighty-Seventh Anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence; and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication. Sent down for concurrence. July 9. Same approved. Approved by the Council July 10. 1863

Grator

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be presented to George S. Livingston, City Marshal, and to his Aids and Assistants for the valuable services rendered by them in the formation and management of the Civic Procession on the Eighty-Seventh Anniversary of American Independence. Sent down for concurrence. July 9. Same approved. Approved by the Mayor July 10. 1863.

Marshal

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be and they are hereby tendered to John C. Sicksen and the Corps of Tremont Squares, under his com-

Escort

500 amount for the prompt and acceptable manner in which they performed the duties of an escort to the City Procession on the fourth of July instant. Sent down for concurrence. July 9. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 10. 1863.

Chaplain.

Reader

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be presented to Wm. W. L. Chaplain and to George W. Allen, the Reader of the Declaration of Independence for the ability which marked the discharge of their respective duties before the Municipal Authorities on the fourth instant. Sent down for concurrence. July 9. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 10. 1863.

Choir

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be presented to Charles Butler and the Choir of School Children under his direction for the admirable manner in which they performed their portion of services on the fourth instant - and to the authors of the original Odes which were furnished on the occasion. Sent down for concurrence. July 9. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 10. 1863.

Legation

Ordered: That the thanks of the City Council be presented to Messrs. C. H. Kitting, Robert H. Hall, John J. Gardner, Henry H. Gray, Daniel Bussey, William C. Johnson and John J. Johnson for the exceedingly satisfactory and efficient manner in which they discharged their duties as Judges of the Legation on the fourth of July instant. Sent down for concurrence. July 9. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 10. 1863.

Bridge

Street Court

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on the Bridge Street Court and

by overflowing vault on said premises, belonging to George F. 361

Cushman and George Follen which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by entering said vault to be cleared at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified by him, have neglected to abate said nuisance. July 6. 1862

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises on Tudor Street, caused by an overflowing vault on said premises, belonging to Tinto and Fennell, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by cleaning said vault at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified by him, have neglected to abate said nuisance. Tudor Street

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises corner of Hanover and Richmond Streets, caused by an obstructed and defective drain on said premises, causing a stinking effluvia which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing obstructions and repairing said drain at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance. Hanover Street

The Superintendent of Public Lands submitted to the Board his report of the sales of Public Lands for the quarter ending Sept. 30th on the table and covered Land

Carl 362 Broad Street. John Gacey 321 Commercial Street. Amos Dins 363.
now in 100 Summer Street. John D. Lee 87 Broad Street. Michael July 6. 1863.
Lynn 22 Commercial Street. Thomas Johnson 21 Battle Street.
August 7. Luther W. Lee 11 Commercial Street. Benjamin L. Smith
11 1/2 Battle Street. Benjamin L. Young 38 Eliot Street. David Flynn
57 Prince Street. Patrick Foley 77 Salem Street. Edward A. Foliant
121 Federal Street. John G. 21 Federal Street. John G. 11
Pills Street. Harvey & Mahoney 12 Foster's Wharf. William Furien
91 Cross Street. Robert C. Fanning 363 Commercial Street. Michael
Gibson 49 Cross Street. C. M. & G. N. Gammon 157 Everett Street. Hugh
Gallagher 110 Charleston Street. William G. 11 1/2 Broad Street.
John G. 11 1/2 Commercial Street. Charles H. G. 11 1/2 Salem
Street. Solomon G. 11 1/2 Salem Street. Benjamin Hart 123 Cam-
bridge Street. John H. 11 1/2 Broad Street. Hodgkins &
Hodges 11 1/2 Broad Street. Frederick H. 11 1/2 Broad Street.
John H. 11 1/2 Commercial Street. John & John 11 1/2 Broad
Street. Jeremiah Hogan 285 Federal Street. Hill & Kuller 353 Broad
Street. John H. 11 1/2 Salem Street. Ephraim H. 11 1/2 Broad Street.
Jersey H. 11 1/2 Battle Street. Richard H. 11 1/2 Federal
Street. John H. 11 1/2 Commercial Street. John H. 11 1/2 Federal Street. William
Kennedy 11 1/2 Broad Street. John H. 11 1/2 Commercial Street. Margaret L.
11 1/2 Salem Street. Airam Knight 54 Pills Street. William K. 11 1/2
Summer Street. John L. 11 1/2 Salem Street. John L. 11 1/2 Salem Street.
11 1/2 Battle Street. William Lynch 287 Causeway Street. Ernestine Liv-
ingston 11 1/2 Cambridge Street. William L. 11 1/2 Federal Street.
David L. 11 1/2 Salem Street. John L. 11 1/2 Broad Street. John
L. 11 1/2 Battle Street. Bennett Levi 263 Hanover Street.
Samuel Levi 62 1/2 Salem Street. Rachel Levi 20 Lincoln Street. John
Lodge 136 Fulton Street. Patrick Melley 85 Portland Street. George E. Miller

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Intell. Bk3
Intelligence Office
According to the report of the
committee on Finance leave was granted to Thomas A. Williams
to keep an Intelligence Office at 25 Market Street.

Auctioneers
Messrs G. B. and J. B. Lushington
were licensed as Auctioneers at \$500 Market Street.

Metropolitan
Railroad
The consideration of the sub-
ject of the location of the Metropolitan Rail Road which was
referred to this Board June 15 and which was assigned for this
day, was again postponed to Monday next.

Adjourned to Thursday next at ten o'clock A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Alder-
men of the City of New York at Nicholas' Hall on Thursday the
ninth day of July, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,
The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Peirce, An-
shutz, Hunt, Davis, and Tyler

Suffolk
Railroad

According to assignment the Board
took up the subject of the petition of the Suffolk Railroad Company
to be allowed a right of way to run a railroad in Richmond Street
at about the place now occupied by the East River, and also to
make the necessary curves near Scollay's Building to connect
with the new track of the Metropolitan Rail Road Company; and

it appearing to the Board that due notice was given to the
stables on the streets in question, the parties interested were called
upon to remonstrate or otherwise. No parties appearing to represent
either the petitioners or remonstrants the subject was recommended
to the Committee on Paving. 367
July 9. 1863.

Petition of Woodbury A. Ham for
leave to erect a stable for more than four horses on Traverse Street
between Canal and Bond Streets. Referred to the Committee on
Internal Health. Ham.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Nicholas' Hall on Mon-
day the thirtieth Day of July, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Paul and
Henshaw.

Petition of Sidney Bartlett and
others that a nuisance in rear of Beacon Street may be abat-
ed. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Bartlett

A communication was read
from the Superintendent of Health stating that the extension of
the Second Street sewer from N. Street to a point near Dorchester
Street was desirable to abate a nuisance there. Referred to the
Committee on Sewers. Second Street
sewer

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Macle

Petition of the heirs of Benjamin Macle to be allowed a well outlet from their back lot at First Trinity. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor on the part of this Board.

Brewer

Petition of Gardner Brewer and James M. Beck that the Beacon Street Sewer near their estate may be lowered. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Jenkins

Petition of James Jenkins & others that a well may be dug in North, Middle and Fishland Streets may be created. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Jenkins

Metropolitan
Railroad

Petition of Charles H. Jenkins and others that the Metropolitan Railroad Company may be allowed to extend their road over Lever Street Bridge through certain lots in South Boston. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Atlantic
Works

Petition of Atlantic Works for a change of grade in Chelsea Street near their establishment. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Carpenter

Petition of George Carpenter to be allowed to construct a coal hole at 41 Harvard Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Cotter
Litchfield
Street

Whereas Edward Cotter has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect a block of buildings on Litchfield Street corner of Leonard Street in the said City; and in the opinion of the Board the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said Litchfield Street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Edward Keller that
this Board intend to order the street before mentioned, to be taken
a part of the land now about to be sold upon a special, and
laying out the same as a public street - and that Monday, the
fourth day of June instant at four o'clock P.M. be a time for the
time for having any objection which may be made thereto.

On petition of School Com- School Committee
mittee the use of Council Hall was granted to that body on the
21st of July instant for a School Festival. Council Hall

Ordered: That the salary Bartlett
of William S. Bartlett as Principal be paid from the 1st
of May to the fourth of June ult. both inclusive. Passed in Common
Council. Came up for concurrence. Sent and referred to the Com-
mittee on the Assessors Department. Sent down for concurrence
July 16. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Commit- Old Alm.
tee on the City Hospital be requested to report at the next meet- Hospital.
ing of the Council what, if any, action has been taken in re-
sponse to the purchase of a bedstead made out of a part of the grant
from the Hospital and upon the application of purchasing the
same. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence
and concurred. Forward to have. July 14, 1865.

Ordered: That the following Bills
bills for services rendered or materials furnished by persons to be paid
connected directly or indirectly with the City Government be paid,
provided they are approved and signed by the commission-
ers, viz: William Carpenter, one hundred dollars, two hundred & ninety
dollars, Joseph H. Howard three hundred and thirty six dollars.

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July 13. 1863. Passed in common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read
concurd. Approved by the Mayor, July 14. 1863

Head Room
Ordered: That the Committee
on Public Buildings be instructed to consider the expediency of
providing a new Head Room for Head St. Passed in Common
Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved
by the Mayor July 14. 1863.

Bonds
Ordered: That Aldermen Nor-
cross and Stevens with such as the Common Council may join
be a Committee to make the annual examination of the Bonds of
the several City Officers. Laid down for concurrence July 16. Came up,
concurred Messrs J. I. Brown, Barnes & Hughes were joined. Approved by Mayor July 16.

Harbor
Excursion
Ordered: That Messrs Fitch, Pick-
ardson and Greeney with such as the Board of Aldermen may
join be a Committee to make arrangements for the annual ex-
cursion of the City Council to the Islands in the Harbor and that
the expense thereof be charged to the appropriation for incidental
expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed in Common Council.
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen
Spinney and Tyler were joined. Approved by the Mayor, July 14.

Winthrop
Bridge
Ordered: That the Committee on
Bridges be and they are hereby authorized to repair the Bridge,
which is a County Road, between Winthrop and Point Shirley,
at a cost not exceeding twenty two hundred dollars, the same
to be charged to the County of Suffolk. Read twice and passed.
Approved by the Mayor July 14. 1863.

372 done and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets.
July 12 1865 and if the order is not complied with within the above mention-
ed time the Superintendent of Streets is then directed to cause
the same to be done at the expense of the owner or owners. Read,
accepted and the order passed.

Middlsex
Suffolk
Metropolitan
Railroad
Tombard Ave

Ordered: That the Middlsex
Railroad Company and the Suffolk and Metropolitan Rail-
road Companies be notified that this Board contemplates, for the
public good and convenience, to remove from Tombard Ave near
Tombard Square the roadway track of the Middlsex Railroad and
also its curve track east of Scollay's Building - and to require
the Middlsex rail cars to pass Tombard Square of Scollay's Build-
ing on the track of Suffolk Railroad and onto the track of
the Metropolitan Railroad at the head of Cornhill; and that
Monday, the 21st of July instant, at five o'clock, P.M., is assigned
for the hearing of any objections thereto.

C.
Nat.

Whereas obstructions have
been placed across C. Street eastward of First Street it is hereby
Ordered: That the Committee on laying out and widening
Streets inquire whether said C. Street is legally laid out across
the flats eastward of First Street and if so, that the necessary
action be taken to protect the City's interest therein.

Metropolitan
Railroad

Agreeably to notice the Board
took up the subject of the proposed location of the Metropolitan
Railroad as contained in City Doc. 61 and the question being
on the adoption of said location, Alderman Standish moved to
amend by striking out at A. on page 307 all after the word
ordered down as far as B. and inserting the following: That

the Metropolitan Railroad Company be and the same hereby 373
are authorized to construct and maintain a curve or curved July 13. 1863
track diverging with a suitable radius from the existing track
of said Company on Tremont Street Boston, at a point distant two
hundred and eighty eight feet in a southerly direction from
the line of Cambridge Street and thence curving southerly
and entering the land of said Company and connecting with
said tracks by suitable switches and rails. The right to lay
down such curved track is granted upon the express proviso and
condition that the said Company shall pave the portion of
Tremont Street included in said curve track and three feet
on each side of said curve track and shall do the work of
laying down and paving such track and the work connected
therewith to the satisfaction of the Committee on Paving and the
Superintendent of Streets, and shall ever maintain in good order
and complete repair the pavement within said track and for
the distance of three feet on each side of the same and will com-
plete the same within three months from the date of the passage
of this order - which amendment was adopted. Alderman Hun-
dick then moved to strike out all the words between C. and D.
and insert as follows - "The right to lay down the above de-
scribed curves is upon the express proviso and condition that
the said Metropolitan Railroad Company shall, after said
curves are laid down, at all times keep in good order and com-
plete repair the portion of the roadway or sidewalk of Wash-
ington Street at the intersection of Lever Street and fifty feet
of said Washington Street both easterly and southerly of
Lever Street, and fifty feet of Lever Street westerly of Wash-
ington Street: and whenever the Board of Aldermen shall, in

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July 1883 to that end. The Board was ordered that said petition of Jackson
July 1883 be read and read that same be decided, and be reported
with what they shall deem to be the best of stone material, the
cost of same there, shall be paid by said Metropolitan Rail
Road Company; the work to be done by the Superintendent of
Streets under the authority of the Board of Aldermen. The ques-
tion being on this amendment the subject was laid upon the ta-
ble.

Sealers
and

The Bonds of C. B. Moulton and
John L. Landon as Sealers of Heights and Meadows were ap-
proved by the Board.

Assistant
Sealers

On nomination by C. B. Moulton
and John L. Landon as Sealers of Heights and Meadows
were confirmed by the Board as Assistant Sealers of Heights and
Meadows.

Leeksbury

On motion of Alderman Tyler
the report of the Committee giving leave to withdraw to A. B. Leeksbury
petitioner of William Leeksbury to have to take guard from
Fletcher's Street was taken from the files and ordered to be printed.
(See City Doc 71).

Shimmin

On petition of Eliza Shimmin for
leave to construct a coal hole at 164 Lament Street, the Committee
on having reported that leave be granted upon the order
of the Board giving a bond to comply with such conditions as
the Board shall adopt relative to excavations under sidewalks.
Read and accepted.

Leeksbury
Stable

Leave was granted to Leeksbury
Stable to erect a Stable for more than four horses on Tavern Street.

The Tuant Officers for
the several districts reported to the Board the several cases
of Suancy for the last quarter. Placed on file.

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Suants

In relation of Holmes and
Goodwin for leave to construct a coal hole at 29-31 South Market
Street where the cellar doorway was discontinued, the Committee
on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Holmes

The Paymaster of the Soldiers'
Relief Committee reported that for the last three months there
had been disbursed to Soldiers families in this City the sum
of eighty six thousand eight hundred and eleven dollars.
Read and placed on file.

Soldiers'
Relief

Whereas it appears to this
Board that a nuisance exists on premises owned by Charles and
Commercial Trust caused by dirt and filth and over-firing
vents on the premises, adjoining to Court Street which is dan-
gerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby ordered that
the Superintendent of Sanitary and Health be directed to
cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all dirt and
filth and entering the vault to be cleaned at the expense of said
party who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to
abate said nuisance.

Charter
Street

Ordered: That the Committee
on Printing be directed to purchase a fine fine the Board, and
each member of the City Council a copy of the Quarto Edition of
Homer C. H. Holmes' Edition delivered before the City Council on
the 4th day of July 1861. Passed in Common Council. Done up, in

Quarto.

quarto edition

376. concurrence Read and laid on the table

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Police
Salaries

The committee on Police, to whom was referred the subject of the increase of salary of the members of the Police Department, have considered the same, and are happy to report that in their opinion the causes which have operated to increase the cost of living and cheapen the currency are temporary and are likely soon to disappear; and they do not think the salaries of policemen ought now to be raised on any reason growing out of the present inflation of prices. In regard to the expense of the police uniform, the committee believe that some change of the regulations permitting the use of lighter clothing during the summer season may well be made, and that the uniform will then be no more expensive than now. The committee recommend that the Board do not concur with the common council in the proposed increase of the pay of policemen. For the committee. James R. May Jr. chairman. Read and laid on the table.

Heights &
Marine
Salaries

The Committee on Salaries, who were directed to consider what salary should be paid to the chiefs of Heights and Marine, have submitted to this body, and respectfully recommend, that there be paid to each chief of Heights and Marine an annual salary of three hundred dollars; that there be allowed to each chief for the purpose of employing an assistant for household duties, and for repairs of transportation of household, under the same as now by provision of the Internal Health Department, two hundred dollars; and that office accommodations for the chiefs be provided by the committee on Public Buildings. Respectfully Submitted. For the committee

Thomas C. Amory, Jr. Chairman. Read and laid on the table.

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On motion of Alderman Amory the Salary Bill was taken from the table and was especially assigned for Monday next.

Salary
Bill

On motion of Alderman Amory the Public Library Ordinance was taken from the table and was especially assigned for Monday next.

Library

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave Oak Street between Audin and Lincoln Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost five hundred dollars. Read once.

Oak
Street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave Bulfinch Street between Bowdoin Square and Howard Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost three hundred dollars. Read once.

Bulfinch
Street.

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Tyler

Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair the gutters and reset the algestones in Tyler Street between Oak and Curve Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street which he may deem in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owner or occupants have refused to repair, at the rate of that fixed. After that all such sum paid and fifty dollars. Read once.

Tyler

Street

sidewalks

Ordered, That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Tyler Street between Oak and Curve Streets who have not laid their sidewalks with brick or flat stones, to lay their said sidewalks with brick or flat stones within twenty days. And that, in default thereof, the same will be done by the City, at their expense, according to law. Read once.

Lover

Street.

Harrison

Avenue.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Lover Street between Washington Street and Harrison Avenue with the same kind of material which now forms the pavement on said Harrison Avenue between Lover Street and Oak Street with the same kind of material which now forms the pavement on said Harrison Avenue between Oak Street and Beach Street with flag, rock or granite blocks, the size to be determined by the Committee on Finance and the Superintendent of Streets, with both iron and steel stone crossings, and make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem necessary, and re-

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move all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous, and to close all openings into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Ordered: That the Metropolitan Railroad Company be notified of the passage of the above resolution to indicate to them that the Board of Aldermen have determined in accordance with one of the provisions and conditions of the location granted to said Company, April 2nd, 1862, and accepted April 16th. That said portions of Lower Street and Harrison Avenue mentioned in the above resolution shall be repaired with that which they shall deem to be the best of stone material, the whole expense thereof to be paid by the Metropolitan Railroad Company. Ordered: That the portion of said work required on Lower Street and on Harrison Avenue between Lower Street and Oak Street shall be commenced on or before April 15, 1864, and that portion of said work required on Harrison Avenue between Oak Street and Beach Street shall be commenced on or before May 15, 1864, and as said Metropolitan Railroad Company are required to pay the whole cost of repairing the above described roadway, they can do so either by contracting with parties to do the work under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, or by paying for the cost of the same to the parties employed by the Superintendent of Streets to furnish the labor and material requisite to perform the work, read once.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Harrison Avenue

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July 13. 1863. Arrive between Lower Street and Back Street, who have not laid
their sidewalks with brick or flat stone, to furnish new edge stones to
support the sidewalk, and to lay their sidewalks with brick, or
flat stone within twenty days. And that, in default thereof, the
same will be done by the City, at their expense, according to law.
Read once.

Lower
Street.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners and abutters on the northern
side of Lower Street between Washington Street and Harrison
Avenue to furnish new edge stones to support the sidewalk, and
to lay their sidewalks with brick, or flat stone within twenty days.
And that, in default thereof, the same will be done by the City, at
their expense, according to law. Read once.

Grant

Ordered, That there be paid to
Charles E. Grant the sum of twelve hundred dollars, for all
damages sustained by him as lessee of the Dexter Estate, so called,
on Back Street, by reason of cutting off the building there-
on, upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge
thereof; and that the same be charged to the appropriation
for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening streets. Read
once.

Scappen.

Ordered: That there be paid to
the Heir of James Scappen the sum of one hundred and fifty
dollars in full compensation for damages to their estate on
Eight Street caused by a change of grade thereof upon their
surrendering their title to said estate to the satisfaction of the
City Solicitor, and upon said building walls have been raised
to the additional grade to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.

ent of said work upon their giving to the city an acquittance
and discharge for all demands with and expenses in consequence
of said change of grade; and that the same be charged to
the appropriation for Daving &c. Read once.

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The Joint Special Com. East Boston
Ferry

meeting appeared to take into consideration the subject of af-
forded satisfactory toll to the people of East Boston, and others
using the East Boston Ferry, have attended to that duty, and beg
leave to submit the following Report. It might be interesting to the
Council to have the Committee give somewhat of a history of
East Boston from the commencement of its more rapid settlement
up to the present time, but as this history is several times written by
previous committees on the same subject, we prefer to state the
facts more immediately connected with the present condition of
things as we find them. We have had a great many hearings
and deliberations on this subject, and have endeavored to con-
sider it in every possible light in which the subject present it
self; and change as it may be, the entire Committee have con-
sidered it, and have come to the same conclusion, and all unite in recom-
mending to the City Council the purchase of the boats, franchise, and
all the property of the Boston Ferry Company. It seems proper
that the Committee should state some of the reasons for
coming to this conclusion. First, there is a portion of the city which
is peculiarly adapted for a large mechanical and commer-
cial business, situated on deep and abundant water, also large
tracts of elevated land for residence, in all the advantages
equal if not surpassing any other ward of the city. The
fact cannot be denied that every city is under obligation
to furnish streets and highway accommodations to every portion

382 of all whollers and every part of its municipality, and
July 13/1888 it is reasonable expenditure, and so on. And 2 and 12

are situated that they require something more than the
ordinary mode of the convenience of passing to and from
other parts of the city. Ward 12 being so situated that bridge
it can be erected and maintained, the city have with com-
mendable liberality toward that portion of her citizens, and in
the line of a road from a narrow passage, built and main-
tained thus, for the accommodation of the citizen, and
we think it safe to say that whenever the growth of that
flourishing ward shall require further traveling facilities
the city will be prepared to provide them. In pursuance of this same
policy, which long experience has verified to be the just & correct
one, the Commonwealth have made free every avenue lead-
ing to the City of Boston (save one, and that will soon be free).
Thus establishing the fact beyond a doubt that free and easy
communication between cities and towns is the true policy by
which to increase taxable property and multiply the resources of
the people. Ward Two happens to be situated so that some other
mode than the ordinary one is necessary to provide means
of communication. To other parts it is a more expensive business
to carry a passenger communication, it and with the city
proper. It seems eminently just and proper that the city should,
at least, provide the ordinary means of transit, or in other words
pay a sum equal thereto, leaving it for the citizens of Ward
Two to pay the balance, and we are confident that the citizens
generally of Ward Two desire to be understood to ask only such
and permanent accommodations and at a reasonable rate
of fare. And it is the duty of the city to have them.

to make the ferries free to themselves or the public, but have ever 383
been and are today willing to bear the main burden, while July 13 1863
they do most assiduously for the city to provide accommodations
which will be permanent at a low rate of toll and commo-
dity in commodities as at the day. We are aware that this subject has
been before the City Council in previous years, and that in
the years 1858 and 1859 the City Council did purchase certain
lots of land and buildings connected with the ferries, with,
as we know, an express agreement that the then existing
rates of toll should not be increased, and hoping thereby to
make things more permanent, and insure to the people the
benefit of good ferry accommodations and at reasonable rates
of toll. If the ferry companies had fulfilled their engagements the
people would have had no complaints to make. The City did
make the purchases especially designed to benefit the people,
and at the same time received full and just equivalent for
the money paid, especially at the English Ferry. The property
purchased today being worth more than the money paid.
The difficulty being that when the people suffered by an in-
crease of toll, the City by terms of the contract had no power to
relieve the people. We find by reference to city documents, that
a very able and efficient committee of the City Council, who
investigated the whole subject with much care and atten-
tion, in 1857, recommended the purchase of the real and
personal property of the same firm. In pursuance of that re-
port the City Council purchased the same while of this com-
pany, and experience has shown that the adoption of that re-
port as a whole, instead of a part, would have been much better.
We believe that no intelligent and unbiased committee can

324 come to any other conclusion, after a careful investigation of
July 15 1862 the same subject. The purchase of this ferry, now at a
very low price, offers an inducement to the city to provide
means of communication to her own citizens. If Ward Two was
connected with the city proper by road instead of water, none
of the Council would entertain for one moment the idea of
considering a new bridge across the river with the ship-
ping at one end? In Ward Six, where we have to go to the
expense of building draw bridges, there are only found sufficient
to accommodate the public. Hence, how ridiculous is the idea ad-
vanced by some that Ward Two should have only one ferry, of
course subject to untold hindrances and obstructions and de-
lection in public travel as compared with one street. Within
equal distance of State Street, land cannot be found pro-
viding such advantages for mechanical purposes or private use
as here, at anything so low a price as in East Boston. The only
reason that property is more valuable in Chelsea than East
Boston is its use of access, having four legitimate avenues with
the city of Boston. It is the uncertainty which hangs over the
East Boston ferry that prevents the location of manufacturing
establishments in Ward Two, which would bring in a very large
amount of taxable property into the city of Boston, but which
for those purposes goes to other states and other cities. We think
it self evident that the duty of the city council is to protect
the views of the people, to avoid taxes meant to increase the
wealth of the people and the city as a whole, to manage its
public affairs with care and to avoid putting its population,
or any portion thereof, from the burden imposed by monopolies on
the public mind, thereby imposing a burden upon a portion

of her people who pay their taxes cheerfully, and assume 385
in common the public debt for laying out streets and pav July 13. 1863
ing them in other sections of the City, as yet unoccupied;
and for paying large sums of money to improve and beautify
any part of the City proper. It is only that equal care
and foresight may be exhibited by those acting for the City
in this matter that they should improve this opportunity,
like which has never been offered before, to secure to the citizens
of Ward Two and the public generally, now and forever,
a permanent ferry at a reasonable rate of fare, and with
only trifling annual expense to the City now, and very
soon a self-supporting ferry, and thereby enable Ward Two
to be so improved on her water side, and be built up to private
enterprise, as to multiply her taxable property beyond present
calculations. It may be proper here to state that by the
purchase made in the years 1858 and 1859 the City now own,
on the Boston side at the Old Ferry, the street from Commercial
Street to the water, and comprising that portion of the
wharf used for one slip of the Old Ferry, and the landing
of the steamer Henry Morrison, (owned by the City,) and the
wharf adjoining thereto, the Old Ferry retaining their north
slip and dock with all rights and privileges thereto, and
right of way over the street to Commercial Street. If the
Old Ferry landing in East Boston, the City have no real
estate of any description and no property except one ferry
slip. The Old Ferry themselves having no fee of the landing,
but simply the right to run a ferry, and while they run
the ferry boats the City have no rights or privileges whatever.
The purchase at the People's Ferry, on the Boston side, com-

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prises the entire shed from Commercial Street to the water,
making 27,871 feet of solid shed and wharf, 51,331 feet of
land under water, with a dock and slip and room for an-
other slip, and all the buildings thereon. At the landing
in East Boston the city own the shed from Summer Street to
the water, comprising 30,441 feet of solid shed and wharf,
and 112,139 feet dock and land under water, with the build-
ings thereon; and it is proper here to state that the buildings,
including waiting rooms, toll house, &c., are the most complete
and perfect of any on this continent, and at present only
need some few repairs. The state will readily show the very
great difference in what the city already posesses at the Peo-
ples ferry, for ferry passengers or any thing else. Ward Two
has for many years had the same means of public travel
(that is omnibuses) for other wards, the expense of so travelling,
for passengers, has varied from fifteen to eight cents, while the
citizens from South Boston and Roxbury have come to South-
ampton Building at half that sum, and the citizens of Charlestown to
Summer Street. When these cars were introduced as a
mode of public travel enterprising citizens procured a
charter to accommodate the citizens of Ward Two. The
great obstacle in the way of horse rail road accommo-
dations to Ward Two has been the crossing of the ferry;
but this has been overcome by the horse railroad manag-
er and the Peoples ferry, while the managers of the
Old ferry have always opposed it. The plan of crossing
with the cars has been very successful indeed, and very
satisfactory to the people. And never till within a few months
have the people of Ward Two had the privilege of travelling

in cars at the same price as citizens of other portions of the 387
City. If the boats of the People's Ferry should stop, the cars July 13. 1863
of necessity would have to stop also, as it has been demonstra-
ted by trial of late that the cars cannot cross on the drops
and boats of the Old Ferry successfully. At times when the se-
verity of the weather has closed the harbor the boats of the
People's Ferry have been the only means of communica-
tion with Ward Two, all the boats of the Old Ferry being frozen
up in the ice mid stream, and unable to move either
way. These things are likely to occur again. The boats of the
People's Ferry are large and very swift, and with ordinary
travel one boat runs regularly every fifteen minutes, and
running as they do, on time, people lose but little in wait-
ing. As the Committee recommend the purchase of the
boats and other property of the People's Ferry, the inquiry
may arise what is to be done with them? and we here de-
sire to say that the Committee feel confident that in the
above reasoning every candid mind will be convinced that
two ferries to Ward Two are necessary; hence, they have al-
ready procured propositions in writing from responsible par-
ties who will run this ferry at a specified rate of toll which
will be perfectly satisfactory to the public, and make but little
expense to the City. The present owners of the People's Ferry
are gentlemen residing in East Boston, who have built the
ferry themselves and run it for ten years more or less, and
have themselves paid any deficiency that may have aris-
en, and who have come forward and offered their boats to the
City at \$50,000 for an appraisement if the City so elect,
and make a present of the franchise to the City simply and

way to come to Ward Two and the public ferry accom-
 modation at a reasonable rate and against any monopoly
 that might at any time exist. They have been offered a
 much larger sum for their boats by other parties, but refused it,
 well knowing that they were needed for ferry purposes, and
 cannot be replaced if once taken away. The present demand
 for steamboats for government offers a strong inducement to
 the owners of the People's ferry boats to dispose of them at prices
 much above the offer to the City. In case these boats should be
 sold and go out of the harbor, the City would be in a very bad
 predicament, and the people in a much worse condition, de-
 pendent upon and wholly subject to the mercy of one ferry
 wholly insufficient to provide for the public travel, and
 then no means to put boats upon a ferry owned by the City;
 and to provide boats would take time and a large expense.
 It really to be hoped that so suicidal a step to the public
 interest and business generally will not be taken. The Com-
 mittee have had several consultations with the managers of
 the East Boston Ferry Company, and of the propositions made
 by them to us either for sale or subsidy, none have been
 made which the Committee can recommend to the Council.
 If the negotiations for the People's Ferry are completed upon the
 basis proposed, we look for the settlement of this vexed question
 upon a permanent plan which will insure prosperity to
 Ward Two and the citizens generally. John Pierce, N. H. Green,
 Richard Seeling, William Winston, Joseph Richardson, Nathan
 Morse, Edward Ryan. Ordered: That Aldermen with
 such as the Common Council may join, be a Committee to
 negotiate with the People's Ferry Company for the purchase by

the City of the boats, franchise, and all other property of the 389
company, at a cost not exceeding \$50,000; and that said July 13. 1863
Committee have power and authority to effect such purchase, for and in behalf of the City, if they deem it expedient; and in case said Committee make such purchase, that they be authorized to negotiate with the People's Ferry Company, or other parties, for operating the ferry for one or more years, upon such terms and conditions as the City Council shall prescribe. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars, the same to be appropriated to the purchase of the People's Ferry and on the hire, and ordered to be printed. (See City Document 69).

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cries from the same Committee submitted the following Minority: Ferries
The majority of the joint Committee to whom was referred the Minority
order of the Common Council, April 23. 1863, directing the con- report.
sideration of the subject of making a further appropriation City Doc. 69.
to secure to the people of East Boston the boats marked B. in City
Document No 93, 1862, and including the charge of one cent for
all passengers transported on the Suffolk Horse Railroad, and
the running of a night boat - having voted to report to the
City Government recommending negotiation by a joint spe-
cial Committee for the purchase, by the City, of the boats and
franchise, and all other property of the People's Ferry, for a sum
not exceeding \$50,000, the undersigned beg leave to present the
following as a Minority Report, in order that he may state
his reasons for not concurring with the majority of the Com-
mittee. The principal objections to the purchase of the People's
Ferry, in the opinion of the undersigned, are, 1. The injustice

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pay 13 cents
of the purchase of one ferry for the purpose of coercing another
company to run their boats at less than a paying rate. 2. The
business and travel of East Boston at present do not require
the running of two ferries, which is satisfactorily proved by
the fact that neither have paid their expenses whilst charging
one a rate of toll which causes complaint by the citizen. 3.
That one ferry, properly managed, could accommodate all
the business of East Boston, run at a much less rate of toll,
and pay its expenses. Such offers have been repeatedly made.
4. That if the City decide to purchase a ferry, with an intent
to run it, it should be one located where the business of the
island centres, in order that it may benefit the greater number
of the inhabitants; not a ferry which has never been able
to support itself, from the fact that it was an experiment to
divert the business from its natural channels, thereby expend-
ing the City's money upon the same experiment, with benefit
to one a few, comparatively, of the citizens. 5. That this move-
ment points directly to free ferries; that the purchase of one
ferry is the almost sure destruction or abandonment of
the other, and in this the friends of the project would find
abundant reason for petition for free ferries, which if grant-
ed would not benefit the poor and middle class, but the rich
real estate owners. The laboring classes would be called upon
to pay many times over the cost of their ferry tolls in their out-
rigger boat rents. 6. That there has been no complaint by the
people generally of East Boston that the present toll are onerous,
the parties who appear to be pressing this matter are mainly
owners of real estate, and the stockholders in the People's Ferry,
and it is fair to infer that they are governed by private and

not public considerations. With these views of the principles 391
involved in the question; the undersigned cannot coincide July 13. 1863
in the recommendation of the majority of the Committee. In
the course of investigation it has been repeatedly claimed
that the City should expend as much for the benefit of East
Boston as for South Boston; this has a plausible appearance,
but in reality is not of much weight. Why has Ward Two
a right to ask for an expenditure equal to Ward Sixteen, any
more than Ward Five, or any other ward? There are many
ways in which either ward could be accommodated by
the expenditure of money. Money should be appropriated for
any object where there is a reasonable and consistent neces-
sity for it, without regard to the locality. Now what are the
facts in Ward Two? It was not the gradual growth of the
City, and settlements made from necessity, as in the City prop-
er and South Boston, but it was settled and established by
gentlemen engaged in a land speculation, which has re-
sulted successfully, all of whom, as well as the parties who
purchased their lands, understood the location, that a ferry with
tolls was the only mode of communication, and in conse-
quence the lands were sold at extreme low prices, - say from 2¢
to 5 cents, whilst land in the City proper, just opposite, was
selling for \$1.50 to \$2 per foot. No one is more sensible than the
undersigned of the importance to the whole City of the Grand
Harb, yet other wards are of equal value, and in the expendi-
ture of the money of the City we should endeavor to adminis-
ter justice to all. The undersigned is the more impressed with
this responsibility, because a project is started which, if success-
ful, will involve the City in a large and continued expenditure.

392. which will not accomplish the ends intended by the City Council, however it may benefit a few, by working injustice to another portion of our citizens. The People's Ferry Company propose to sell to the city two boats and their franchise, for \$50,000; the city now own the boats and run estate at both terminations. The East Boston Ferry Company propose to sell to the city, for \$100,000, three boats and their franchise, together with their right of occupation of the ferry slips on the East Boston side, so long as we decide to run a ferry; coupled, however, with a condition that we shall assume the lease of Sargent's Wharf slip at \$4,000 per year. The boats of the People's Ferry Company are more valuable than the smallest but of the boats of the East Boston Ferry Company; the other boat of the latter is of the larger class. The Sargent Wharf slip could be defended with at present, provided a new deck should be found for the "Meriden," and a tenant who pays 120 \$500 per annum, displaced. From a careful examination of the Map, where all the streets will be found leading to one common centre, and from repeated inquiries of the building business men upon the island, the undersigned cannot escape the conviction that the East Boston Ferry has the location which will best accommodate the whole people and business of East Boston, as well as the public at large. Therefore, if a ferry is to be purchased, the undersigned believes it will for the interest of the city to purchase the East Boston, rather than the People's Ferry. Yet the undersigned holds that there is no necessity of purchasing either, so long as a good and reliable ferry is ready to do all the business at reasonable rates of toll, without any contribution from the City Treasury. Respectfully Submitted, O. W. Norcross. Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday the fifteenth day of June, Anno Domini 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Marsh, Aldermen Paul, Henshaw, Lenio, Stevens.

Sixteen Traverse Jurors were drawn for the Criminal term of Superior Court. Jurors

Petition of George E. Rogers to be compensated for damages sustained by his wife in falling from an embankment in Northfield Street where no fence existed. Referred to the Committee on Claims, sent down for concurrence. July 16. Came up concurred. Rogers

The Bond of William W. Briggs, a Constable of this City was approved by the Board, and on July 16. 1863 was approved by the Mayor. Constable's bond

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Monday the twentieth day of July, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Ralph Willoughby for leave to place a sign in front of his house in South

Willoughby

347. Sen Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Paving

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Broadway
Railroad

Petition of the Broadway Rail
Road Company for an extension of their location through La
chester, Eighth and N. Street. Referred to the Committee on
Paving.

Sullivan

Petition of John Sullivan to be
paid for damages sustained by change of grade in Federal
at Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hughes

Petition of Thomas Hughes and
others that the cesspit in Market Court may be uncased
as the surface water causes the drain to overflow. Referred
to the Committee on Paving and Sewers.

Gray

Petition of John C. Gray that
measures be taken to divert the surface water from the cul-
vert at corner of Summer and Washington Street, or that an
independent surface water drain be constructed for Summer
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving and Sewers.

Sullivan

Lynch

Carley

Petitions severally of Margaret
Sullivan to have to keep a fruit stand at corner of School
and Washington Street - of William Lynch for a similar
privilege in Court Street near the Court House - and of David
Carley for the same privilege in State Street near Merchants Bank.
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Nichols

Petition of A. P. Nichols to
have to open a place of amusement in Washington Street

for the public entertainment. Referred to the Committee on
Licenses.

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Petition of Frank E. Jones
and others that a sewer may be constructed in Merce-
Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Jones

Petition of Thomas Gaf-
field and others that the Allen Street sewer may be exten-
ded to North Charles Street. Referred to the Committee on
Sewers.

Gaffield

Petition of C. G. Putnam &
others that the path on the Common which formerly extend-
ed from the opening opposite Temple Place may be uncer-
red. Referred to the Committee on the Common re. with full
power.

Putnam

Petition of M^r Kay & Alder
and others that Gas Lamps may be placed and lighted on
Bolder and Decatur Streets. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

M^r Kay

Petition of Eliza C. Spear's
heirs to be paid for land taken to widen Lincoln Street.
Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Spear

On nomination by the
Mayor, Alexander Wilson and John L. Savage were appointed
and confirmed as Police Officers of this City with all the powers
of Constables except the power of serving and executing civil
process.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor
W. C. Lorman was appointed a Special Police Officer at Ham-

Special
Police

296 Boat and Locomotive Works at East Boston.

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Leicester

That.

Letter

Agreeably to notice the Board took up the subject of the proposed widening of Leicester Street by taking land of Edward Colter; and Augustus Ruf. Esq. for said Colter appeared and objected to the proposed widening: after hearing his statement the Board voted to recommend the subject to the Committee on Streets

St. Mary's

Institute

The Committee on Water, to

whom was referred the petition of the Directors of St. Mary's Institute, Archibell Street. for abatement of water tax respectfully Report. That the opinion of the Committee, as fully set forth in Document N^o 47 of this year, is entirely adverse to abating any water tax for any reason whatever except for cross-charge; and they therefore recommend that the petition be now have to withdraw. For the Committee, L. Miles Standish, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Bonds

cancelled.

Lands

The Board of Land Com-

missioners respectfully represent that the Treasurer has certain bonds in his possession given for lands which have been forfeited and taken possession of by the City for non-compliance with the conditions of sale. As the Treasurer requires authority from the City Council before he can cancel said bonds, the Board would respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Commissioners Silas Rice, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to cancel the Bonds numbering nineteen hundred

and forty six (1946) to nineteen hundred and fifty five (1955) inclusive, also nineteen hundred and seventy five (1975) less than July 21. 1863 and nineteen (1919), two thousand and forty nine (2049) and two thousand and fifty (2050), the land for which said Bonds were given having been forfeited to and taken possession of by the City of Boston, for non-compliance with the conditions of sale. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. July 23^d Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor, July 25 1863.

Agreeably to assignment the Salaries!
Board took up the Salary Bill and resumed the consideration of the amendments made therein by the Common Council viz: The Board concurred in the amendment proposed to Section 24 whereby the salary of the Assistant Superintendent of Health was increased to twelve hundred dollars and in so much of Sect. 34 as increased the salaries of the Firemen of Hose to one hundred and seventy five dollars per annum and those of the Firemen to one hundred and fifty dollars per annum and the Board non-concurred in all the other amendments in Sections 34. 17. 29. 30. 31 and 35. Sent down for concurrence.

The Mayor communicated Philadelphia
to the Board the following resolution of the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia viz: Resolved by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, that the Commissioner of City Property acting for and on behalf of the City be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be presented to the Authorities of each of the cities Deer

398. of New York and Boston, two bucks and four does out of the
July 20. 1863 head of Deer belonging to the City of Philadelphia in Logan
Square. Read, and thereupon Resolved: That His Honor the
Mayor be authorized and requested to accept and acknowl-
edge in behalf of the City Council the gift of Deer from the City
of Philadelphia to the City of Boston. Ordered: That the Com-
mittee on the Common and Public Squares be and they
are hereby authorized to erect upon such portion of the Com-
mon, as they with the approval of His Honor the Mayor
shall deem, a suitable enclosure for the keeping of the Deer
presented to this City by the City of Philadelphia, the expense
thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Common & Squares.
Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence July 23^d
came up concurred. - Approved by the Mayor July 25. 1863.

Mansfield

Petition of John Mansfield, agent,
to be compensated for damages done to his stock of goods N^o 14
Lombard St by a riotous mob on the twenty fifth of August
1862. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for con-
currence July 23^d Came up concurred.

Caner.

Petition of Reuben Caner to be
compensated for damages done to his stock and store corner
of Cheldeston and Conlicott Streets by the Concord riot on
July 14. 1862. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for
concurrence July 23^d Came up concurred.

Hechen

Petition of Jeremiah Hechen to
be compensated for loss and damage sustained by his family

and furniture at his house N^o 31 Cooper Street in consequence 399.
of the assemblage of a riotous mob at that vicinity on July July 20 1863.
14 1863. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for con-
currence July 23 Concurrence concurred.

To the Committee on the Hos Old Com
pital was lately referred the petition of William Gordon that Bedstead
the City Council would purchase a bedstead made by him of
branches blown off in the storm of June 1861 from the Great Com Hospital
on the Common. Finding upon examination that the wood
of which it was constructed was already, as he candidly ad-
mitted, the property of the City, that he was willing to part with
it for fifty dollars, not more than the cost of its construction,
and that it could be made useful at the City Hospital
now about to be furnished, they did not hesitate to secure it
for that institution. Without intending to express any dis-
satisfaction at being called upon to give an account of
our proceedings, the unwillingness to consume unnecessarily
the time of the City Council needed for other and more
important business, will, we trust, be a sufficient apology for
our omitting to report. If the Committee have exceeded their
powers, it arose from a misapprehension of the terms of the re-
ference. They considered themselves at the time of the purchase
authorized to make it. Should the City Council disapprove of
our action it will not be difficult to realize the sum expended
upon a resale. But before coming to this conclusion the pro-
priety of a personal inspection is respectfully suggested, and
there are other articles at the Hospital worthy of examina-
tion besides that now under consideration. The beauty of mate-
rial, elegance of design and excellence of the workmanship,

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see article from the association with our great privilege and pride
the common and with one of its principal ornaments, cannot fail to produce the conviction that this interesting relic for its intrinsic value should be secured and preserved. But the Old Elm has been familiar to the inhabitants of Boston since its settlement. Its fame will endure long after its now venerable form shall have mouldered from the scene of its existence. But not our manifest duty while it still retains its noble proportions and its wood is sufficiently sound and firm, to improve the opportunity offered and transmit to future generations, as we now are able to for a useful purpose, what we can of its substance? As a part of the Hospital furniture it is worth the price. But the gratification to strangers, the pride and pleasure it will afford to our own people, are not to be measured by its cost. Where consistent with economy in completing, furnishing and sustaining the Hospital we would have it cheerful and attractive. If wisely managed it will not only be productive of great good throughout society but be one of the most cherished institutions, a permanent object of interest and regard. By setting the example of placing within its walls what is instructive or ornamental, private individuals, at once affluent and generous, will be induced to contribute for the comfort of the patients, furniture, books or pictures, as has been extensively the case at St. Luke's in New York and at the new Church Hospital in Philadelphia. Thus not only the income for the support of the Hospital, but also its furniture and decorations, will in time consist chiefly of the voluntary offerings of the pious and benevolent. We are all wise enough to recognize the beauty and obligation of doing good

to others. The liberal endowments of our numerous charities 401
show how generally our wealthy citizens delight in giving July 21. 1863
for such objects. We are confident that the claims of this City
Hospital to participate in these benefactions will not be over-
looked. It is worthy of remembrance that one eminent physi-
cian supplied both the patients in his private practice and
those in the Massachusetts General Hospital with hot house
grapes. Another citizen equally generous provided the milk
that was needed for that institution. How much the consciousness
of this disposition of a portion of their means must have en-
hanced the enjoyment of the rest may be easily understood.
Such liberality is an appropriate expression of gratitude to
the Providence that permits the acquisition of wealth and
invokes upon those who know so well how to use it blessings
even more to be desired. In a community distinguished for
the munificence of the opulent, individuals will gladly fur-
nish fruit and similar luxuries for those that need, if given
to understand that they will be acceptable. We cannot doubt
that the City Council, after this explanation will approve of
the moderate expenditure made in obtaining in so elegant
and useful a shape these fragments of the Boston Elm. For the
Committee. Thomas C. Amory Jr. Chairman. In Common Council.
Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read & concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee on Relief of Soldier families be and they hereby are di-
rected to underbid, in accordance with Chap. 176 of the laws
of the Commonwealth. Approved April 22^d A.D. 1863. in the
same manner and under the same restrictions as is now

Conscrip-
t families

702. ordered to dependent of volunteers - to dependent of men
July 22 1863 who have been or may be drafted from Boston to serve in
the Army of the United States under the law passed by Congress
entitled "An Act for recruiting and calling out the National force
and for other purposes" and approved March the 23^d A.D.
1863 and that the disbursements be charged to the appropriation
for Soldiers families. Passed in common Council. Came up for
concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor July
22. 1863.

Stairs of Heights & Mansions
On motion of Alderman Price
the Board took from the table the report in relation to the
Stairs of the Stairs of Heights and Mansions, and said re-
port as recorded page 376. was accepted. Sent down for con-
currence July 23^d Came up concurred (See July 27).

Bulfinch Street
The order submitted to the
Board on the 13th instant for the Superintendent of Streets
to repair Bulfinch Street from Bowdoin Square to Howard Street
at an expense of \$300, was read a second time and passed.
Approved by the Mayor July 21. 1863.

Tyler Street
The order submitted to
the Board on the 13th instant for the Superintendent of
Streets to repair the gutters and reset the edgelines in Tyler
Street between Oak and Lure Streets at a cost of eight hun-
dred and fifty dollars, was read a second time and passed.
Approved by the Mayor July 21. 1863.

Side walks
The order submitted to the
Board on the 13th instant for the Chief of Police to notify the
abutters on Tyler Street from Oak to Lure Streets to lay their side
walks within twenty days was read a second time and passed.

The order submitted to the 403.

Board on the 13th instant, to pay Charles E. Grant twelve hundred dollars for lease damages on Union Street was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor July 23. 1863. Grant.

The order submitted to Lappen

the Board on the 13th instant to pay the heirs of James Lappen one hundred and fifty dollars for grade damages on Fifth St: was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor July 21. 1863.

The order submitted to Oak

the Board on the 13th instant to pave Oak Street between Hudson and Lincoln Streets was read a second time & passed. Approved by the Mayor July 21. 1863. Street.

The order submitted to the Lower Street

Board on the 13th instant for the repairment of Lower Street between Washington Street and Harrison Avenue. Mr. Harrison Avenue from Lower Street to Oak Street, also between Oak and Beach Streets (with trap rock block) at the expense of the Metropolitan Railroad Company was read a second time & passed. Approved by the Mayor July 23. 1863.

The orders submitted to Lower Street.

the Board on the 13th instant for the Chief of Police to notify Harrison Avenue the abutments on Lower Street (north side) and on Harrison Avenue between Lower and Beach Streets to lay their sidewalks, sidewalks were read a second time and passed.

Agreeably to notice the Middlesex

Middlesex Railroad Company appeared by Edward S. Hodges, Esq. Railroad the Metropolitan Railroad Company by E. H. Derby, Esq. and the track

404 Report Railroad Company to William L. Burd. Esq. in relation
July 20, 1885 to the proposed removal of the rail of the Middlesex Railroad
Company from Summit Sea and east of Seelys Building.
but the parties not being prepared for hearing the subject was
continued to Monday next at five o'clock PM.

East Boston
Committee On motion of Aldermen Stev-
ens and the Board took from the table the report of the Committee on
East Boston Sewer laid and the consideration of the subject was
assigned for Monday next at 4 1/2 o'clock, PM.

Library The consideration of the proposed
Ordinance respecting the Public Library was again postponed
to Monday next.

Endicott
Street Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises N^o 4 Endicott Street caused
by defective drain, dirt and filth on said premises, belong-
ing to C. H. Mather, which is dangerous to the health of the in-
habitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health
be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated
by cleaning and repairing said drain, and removing dirt and
filth at the expense of said party, who, having been duly noti-
fied by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Federal
Street Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises N^o 314, 318 & 322 Federal Street
caused by defective drains, overflowing vaults and dirt and
filth on said premises, belonging to Elizabeth Lenny, which is
dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered,

That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is hereby di- 413
rected to cause said nuisance to be abated by cleaning and July 20. 1863
repairing drains, cleaning vaults and removing dirt and filth,
at the expense of said party, who having been duly notified
by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Leave was granted to Carpenter.
Lynus Carpenter H^o to construct a Coal Hole under sidewalk
at W. Harvard Street upon the corner of the estate giving a
bond to comply with such conditions and regulations as the
Board of Aldermen may make respecting such excavations.

On petition of Atlantic Works Atlantic
for a change of grade in Chelsea Street near their establish- Works
ment, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw.
Read and accepted.

On petition of Proprietors of Comey's
Comey's Quay, Fishes and other wharves that the grade of Com- Wharf-
mercial Street in that vicinity may be lowered, the Commit- Commercial
tee on Paving reported that no change of grade is necessary Street.
and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and ac-
cepted.

Leave was granted to Flint Peaslee
Peaslee to exhibit a Grizzly Bear at 124 North Street.

Agreeably to the reports of the Second Hand
Committee on Licenses the following persons were licensed as Dealers
Dealers in Second Hand Articles - Isaac Fugate 219 Harvard Street.
Edward Macey, 55 Main Street. Lewis Lazarus 243 Hanover -

426 Michael Laffy, 27½ Causeway Street, and the following per
July 20 1863 and were licensed at Punchbowl George N. Friedman 10
Punchbowl Circle Square Frederick Smith 70 13 Middle Square.

Carriage	Ordered: That Carriage Li-
licenses	enses numbered from 1 to 422 inclusive except 124, 179, 203, 207,
	224, 233, 236, 239, 250, 262, 266, 286, 292, 297, 298, 303, 304, 305, 316,
annual	318, 319, 334, 335, 336, 338, 343, 352, 353, 358, 359, 362, 372, 373, 374,
issue	375, 376, 377, 379, 380, 382, 383, 384, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 400, 402,
	403, 404, 406, 408, 411, 414, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424,
	425, 426, 427, 428, 431, 432, be granted for one year from July 1,
	1863.

Worcester	Ordered: That the Superinten-
Square	dent of Streets cause the sidewalks on Worcester Square to be
	put in order. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on
Monday the twenty seventh day of July, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Morris

Petition of Morris Brothers, Peil
and Fairbridge for leave to give Musical Entertainments at their
Opera House on Washington Street. Referred to the Committee
on Licenses

Petition of Charles B. Spencer. 407.

for leave to erect a recruiting tent in State Street for the purpose of obtaining substitutes for conscripts. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. July 27. 1863. Spencer.

Petition of Samuel Cook for Cook.

leave to exhibit some Wax Figures at 85 Union Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Petition of Samuel Whitwell and others that the Federal Street sewer be relaid, Whitwell.

south of Channing Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of Thomas P. Smith Smith

for leave to construct a coal Hole at 102 Hudson Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of the Broadway Railroad

Rail Road Company for an extension of their location through South Street and over Dover Street Bridge to connect with tracks of Metropolitan Railroad on Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of the Metropolitan

Rail Road Company for an extension of their location over Dover Street Bridge through South and other streets to S. Street, in Ward 12. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Metropolitan Railroad

Ordered: That due notice Mercer

be given that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a common sewer in Mercer Street, between Leicester and Telegraph, and of assessing the expense thereof on all Street.

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July 27. 1863. person, who may enter their particular Trains into such Com-
mon Fairs, or who, by any more remote means, shall re-
ceive any benefit thereby: Any person making objections there-
to, will then and there be heard.

Second

Street

sewer.

Ordered, that due notice be
given that this Board will, on Monday, next at four o'clock
P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a
Common Fair in Second Street, between Grand and Lehigh Streets,
and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons, who may
enter their particular Trains into such Common Fair, or who, by
any more remote means, shall receive any benefit thereby:
Any person, making objections thereto, will then and there be
heard.

Taylor

Petition of N.E. Taylor of the
Union Market, to be compensated for damages sustained by
his stock of goods from a fire on the 14th of July 1863. Referred
to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence
Oct. 1. Came up concurred.

Cincinnati.

City of Cincinnati. City Clerk's
Office, July 22^d 1863. To the President of the Board of Alder-
men of the City of Boston. Dear Sir: In direction of the City
Council of Cincinnati I hereby transmit a copy of a Resolu-
tion unanimously adopted on the 17th instant. Resolved by the
City Council of Cincinnati, That the thanks of this Board
are hereby returned to the Authorities of the Cities of Phila-
delphia and Boston, for the magnanimous and hospita-
ble manner in which they entertained the Committee
from this Board, upon the occasion of their recent visit to
these Cities; and for the facilities furnished them in the in-

vestigation of their systems of Fire Alarm and Police Telegraphs. 469.
We also hail with a lively degree of satisfaction the manifestations of good feeling that characterized their treatment of our Committee, and regard it as an evidence of the true sentiments entertained by the People of the Eastern portion of our Country towards us of the Western. We heartily assure them that their feelings and their sentiments are most cordially reciprocated and we look forward with pleasure to the time when we can return their 'hospitalities.' In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official Seal, this 22^d day of July, A.D. 1863. Harry G. Armstrong, City Clerk. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file. July 27. 1863.

Communication from His

Gettysburg.
Seal

Honor the Mayor: Boston July 23^d 1863. Gentlemen of the City Council: The late battle of Gettysburg, one of the most gallant achievements of the Union forces during the war, was gained at the sacrifice of the lives of many citizen soldiers of Massachusetts. In the engagement there were several Regiments belonging particularly to the City of Boston. Their valor was tested on that well-fought field, and the memory of the brave who fell should be cherished by us with patriotic pride. A large proportion of them were buried by their surviving comrades on the field of battle, but received only such hasty rites of sepulture as the circumstances would warrant. It is probable that before a great length of time the field will be used for agricultural purposes, and their remains will be disturbed. In the immediate vicinity, forming in fact a portion of the scene of the bat-

the the there are beautiful rural cemetery, belonging to the
July 27 1863 City of Gellystown about half a mile distant. I would
respectfully suggest for your consideration the propriety of
purchasing a lot in the cemetery, and having the bodies
of our dead removed to it. I understand that most of them
can now be readily identified, and I would suggest prompt
measures to effect this end. A correct list of these interred sho
uld be preserved, a fence should be placed around the en
closure, and a suitable monument erected at the expense
of the City. Wm Lincoln Mayor. Indemmen Council. Ordered to be
printed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Gellystown. Ordered: That five members
of the Common Council with such as the Board of Al
dermen may join be appointed a Committee to proceed to
Gellystown, Pennsylvania, to procure a suitable lot in the
cemetery at that place, to cause the remains of those sol
diers from this City not otherwise disposed of by their friends
to be deposited therein, and a suitable monument to be
erected over the same, in accordance with the recom
mendation of His Honor the Mayor, and that the expense
thereof be charged to the appropriation for incidental ex
penses. Passed in Common Council and Messrs Cumston, Brad
lee, Edway, Corlidge and Dean were appointed said Com
mittee. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Alder
men Stevens, Standish and Lenio were joined. Approved by the
Mayor July 28th 1863.

Linnell The Committee on Claims, to whom
was referred the petition of Mary J. Linnell to be compensated.

for personal injuries sustained by her from an alleged defect in 411.
sidewalk, corner of Cross and Hanover Streets, have considered the July 27. 1863
same and beg leave to Report. That the circumstances as
alleged do not form a basis for a legal claim against the
City, and the Committee therefore recommend that the petition
be have leave to withdraw. In the Committee, C. S. Norcross, Chair-
man. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28.
Came up concurred.

Ordered: That there be Sealers of
paid to each Sealer of Weights and Measures an annual Weights
salary of eleven hundred dollars. That there be allowed & Measures
to each Sealer for the purpose of employing an assistant salary of
four hundred dollars and for expenses of transportation of
standards unless the same be met by provision of the In-
ternal Health Department two hundred dollars and that
office accommodations for the Sealers be provided by the Com-
mittee on Public Buildings. Passed in Common Council. Came
up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the
Mayor July 28. 1863.

The Common Council hav- Salary Bill.
ing concurred with this Board in the proposed amendment Committee of
to salary of Port Physician and having non-concurred conference.
in amendments proposed to Sections 17. 29. 30. 31 the first amend-
ment of Sect. 34. and Sect 35. of the Salary Bill. That body ap-
pointed Messrs. Sears, Fitch and Goodridge a Committee to con-
fer with a similar Committee on the part of the Board of
Aldermen on the subject of difference between the two branches.
Read and Aldermen Ingers, Norcross and Marsh were appoin-
ted a Committee of this Board for said conference.

July 2, 1863. To be compensated for damages sustained by their stock and store on occasion of the Conscript Riot on July 14, 1863. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. October 1. Came up concurred.

Murphy.

Petition of James Murphy to be compensated for damages sustained by his property from the riot July 14, 1863. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Claims. Came up for concurrence. Sent & concurred.

Sauwell.

The Committee on Printing beg leave respectfully to represent that they have received from the City Printer a request to be paid for the cost of paper upon which was printed the Annual School Report, destroyed by fire in the bindery of J. N. Abbott, in February, 1863, and although at first disposed to disallow the bill, they are now, after examination of all the facts, in favor of paying the amount claimed. The printing contract requires that the paper used shall be furnished at cost, and although the contract does not specify the expense of insurance as an item for which the City is chargeable, it is an expense universally reckoned in ordinary mercantile transactions; and it does not seem equitable to require the printers to bear this expense themselves, or run the risk of serious loss by fire. The Committee learn, however, that the City Printer have heretofore insured all the stock purchased for the use of the City while it remains in their immediate hands; but the printed matter sent to the binders has been regarded as really delivered

to the City, and has not been insured. Under this state of 413
facts the present claim arises. I was at first inclined by the July 27 1863.
Committee that a small "discount for cash" which the print-
ers receive from the dealers, was a sufficient offset against
the cost of insurance to make them tacitly bound to meet
the latter; but they find upon investigation, that the printers
derive no material advantage from this discount owing
to the length of time which elapses between the purchase of
the paper for cash, and its use by the City. In the present
case it also appears that the identical paper burned was
purchased by the Committee on Printing directly, and not
by the Printers. On the whole, the Committee recommend
the passage of an order paying for the loss in this inst-
ance, with the understanding that in future the Printers shall
insure all paper at their own cost, not only while in their
hands, but while in the hands of the Binders, and until
it actually reaches the City authorities. For the Committee, Thomas
C. Amory, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That there be paid to J. C.
Farwell & Co. for paper burned at the bindery of J. N. Hobbs, Feb-
ruary, 1863, the sum of three hundred and two dollars and
forty five cents, the same to be charged to the appropriation for
Printing. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concur-
rence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor July 28.
1863.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor. Boston July 23^d 1863. Gentlemen of the City Council: In reviewing the events of the last week I deem it my
duty to call your attention to the claims and merits of those
who were instrumental in preserving the public peace, and

Riot-
Message
respecting

1114 who aided the civil authorities in keeping good order, and
July 27, 1863. suppressing that mob spirit which for a time seriously en-
dangered the lives and property of our citizens. At the time
when the disturbance commenced, the students in that
the rioters in a sister city seemed to be meeting with par-
tial success in their nefarious designs; and, encouraged by it,
the turbulent among our own population threatened violence,
and were proceeding in opposition to the laws. I had entire con-
fidence in the character and efficiency of our own police,
which subsequent events fully justified, but I believed that the
emergency had arisen when it was necessary to call upon
a military force to aid them in the support of good order.
The promptness and alacrity with which the several mili-
tary corps rallied to arms when called upon, the arduous
duties which they performed, and the success of their la-
bors, deserve our gratitude and should be suitably recog-
nized by the City Government. In conformity with the pow-
er vested in me by my official position, I issued precepts for
our local military organizations - the Independent company
of Guards, Lt. Col. W. C. Thomas, the First Battalion of Cavalry, (Maj. A. W. Wilder, (Co. A. Capt. Lucius Wade, and Co. B. Capt. U. I. Stearns)
and the Seventh Battery, Capt. E. J. Jones. This force was strength-
ened by His Excellency the Governor, who promptly placed
the 14th Regiment, Col. J. L. Lee, the 45th Regiment, Col. G. R.
Godman, and the Regiment of Heavy Artillery, Col. Jones
Franklin, and the Company of Cavalry under Capt. Louis
Lafayette, recruiting at Newville, at the disposal of the City
Authorities, and under my orders. In addition to these troops,
on application of His Excellency to Col. Dimmick, commanding

the day in the harbor, a detachment came to this city from 1415
each of the Garrison. Those from Fort Independence under Major July 27, 1863.
J. M. Gordon, and those from Fort Mifflin under Major Capt. Jones.
numbers of citizens of all ranks and social positions proffered
their services; but only two independent organizations were
accepted - the First Battalion of National Guards, Major G. H.
Hewes, and the Mass State Militia. Col. Moore. Brig. Gen. R. I. Rice
was ordered by the Commander in Chief to report to me to
take command of the military forces under order to support
the police in preserving the peace of the city, and he has ac-
cided accordingly. It is needless for me to comment at any
length upon the value of the services of these different com-
mands. Each of them as the occasion offered proved itself worth-
y of the reputation which the citizen soldiery of Massachusetts
have everywhere maintained. Major Capt. and Captain
Jones were placed with their commands in imminent peril;
and they met the critical moment with that fearlessness
and resolution which deserve especially the thanks of all
peace loving citizens. The services of Capt. A. G. Chamberlain,
commanding a portion of Col. Frank's Regiment, stationed
at the Gun House during the night after the assault on
the building, and of Capt. C. C. Smith, who commanded
the force on duty after the riot in Faneuil Hall
Squares, should be especially commended. The Grenades and
Dragoons added new honors to the fame they have acquired
already for the efficiency in cases of civil commotion, by the
strength of their ranks and their mounted patrol, which
extended not only through the streets of the city but out-
side of our limits to Charlestown, Cambridge, Roxbury, and

416 the Arsenal at Watertown Detachments from other commands
July 27. 1863 were on duty at night on the bridges, at the public build-
ings and at other exposed or threatened places. In fact all
under arms were ready for any emergency. A large portion of the
45th and some of the 44th were non residents, and left their homes
in the country at much personal sacrifice, but exhibited the
same zeal as if they were protecting their own firesides. I feel
under great personal obligations to Brig Gen. Rice for his valuable
services. His experience in military affairs and knowledge of de-
tails necessary for such an occasion were put in requisition &
were of great benefit. His staff should be commended for their
aid. I ought not to omit, as also worthy of our applause, the
good influence exerted by Reverend Fathers Healy and Brady
and others of the German Catholic Church who labored to
preserve quiet among their congregations. The police under their
energetic chief, proved themselves worthy of the confidence which
was placed in them. They exhibited a recklessness of danger
in the performance of their duties which deserves our highest
praise. The energy of Officer John M. Dunn and the squad un-
der his command, in protecting the gun store of Messrs Read &
Son, in Dock Square, require special mention, for if the rioters
had succeeded in their design, the most serious consequen-
ces must have followed. In conclusion I cannot but congrat-
ulate the City Council upon the quiet and good order which
now prevail, and upon that regard for the supremacy of
the laws which I feel is the prevailing sentiment of our
community. The result of last week's excitement must
show to the lawless and unprincipled that the authori-
ties have the means at hand to enforce good order, and main-

tain the rights of every citizen. They may be assured that 417
vigilance will not be relaxed but that the least symptom of July 27, 1865
disorder will be quelled with a force which will silence all
opposition. The fair fame of our City is too precious to be stain-
ed by lawless mobs - peace and good order must be preserved
at all hazards. I embrace this occasion to suggest to your
Honorable body the expediency of pursuing a liberal policy
in regard to the expenses of our Military organizations. These
organizations are voluntary in their character, and are at-
tended by much pecuniary cost to the members. Their object
is the public good, their services are required in times of peril
and danger, and to prepare them to meet such occasions
with efficiency, every inducement should be held forth, in
these times, to foster and encourage them. An annual appro-
priation from the City Treasury to meet a portion of these nec-
essary expenses might be advisable, or some other means adop-
ted to relieve them from the financial burden, which, I under-
stand, in some cases presses very heavily upon individual
members. I am happy to hear that efforts have been made
to form new military organizations from the enrolled mili-
tia, under the Act of the last Legislature. A company has
already been formed by the citizens of South Boston, and it is
hoped that their example may be followed by others interested
in the cause, so that we may have at hand a large local
military force of our citizens to preserve the peace of the City.
With these few observations I leave the whole subject at
your disposal, trusting that you will take such measures as
your wisdom may suggest. J. W. Lincoln, Jr. Mayor. In Com-
mon Council. Read and ordered to be printed. Came up

418. for concurrence. Read and concurred. See City Sec. No 75.

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Military

Thank

Ordered: That the thanks of

the City of Boston be presented to the officers and men of the Military organizations engaged in suppressing the late disorders in this City for their patriotic services in the preservation of public order and peace and that His Honor, the Mayor, be requested to communicate the same to them in such manner as he shall deem expedient. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor. July 28. 1863.

Military
expenses of

Ordered: That so much of the

communication of His Honor, the Mayor, as refers to the expenses of the Military organizations of this City, be referred to Messrs. Ward, Cutler, and Bicknell, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Tyler and Henshaw were joined. Approved by the Mayor July 28. 1863.

Public
Garden
not

A request of the Common

Council that the Committee on the Common re would provide one hundred more seeds for the Public Garden, was referred to the Committee on Common re.

St. Mary's
Institute

The Common Council hav-

ing referred to the Committee on Water with instructions to hear the petitioners, the report / leave to withdraw / on petition of St. Mary's Institute for abatement of Water Tax. Said action

came up for concurrence. Read and this Board concurred in said reference.

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Ordered: That the Committee on Volunteers be and they have are authorized to pay the commutation fee of such of the citizens of this city liable to military duty and drafted into the service of the United States, who have families dependent on them for support to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars. Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to borrow under the direction of the Committee on Finance the sum of five hundred thousand dollars the same to be appropriated to the payment of the commutation fees of drafted men. In common Council Read and referred to the Committee on Soldiers Relief with instructions to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor upon the legality thereof. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Concurred

commutation
fee

Ordered: That the Committee on the Common and Public Squares be authorized to pay to James Grant, one of the workmen employed upon the Common, who lately fell from a tree on the Common, breaking his arm and disabling him from present service, and who has a large family dependent upon him for support, the wages which he would have received for service from July 1. to August 1. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Board July 28, 1863.

Grant

House of room No 16 Old State

House

House to Gustavus A. Somerby for three years from April 1st 1863, at an annual rent of \$225 was approved by the Board.

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Hase

Hase

Lennovan

Jenkins

Metropolitan
Railroad

Niger

Old Colony &
Fall River
Railroad

A lease of room No 22 Old State

Hase to Henry L. Lennovan for three years from April 1st 1863 at
an annual rent of three hundred dollars was approved by
the Board.

A lease of room No 19 in the
Old State, Hase to John L. Hase for three years from April 1. 1863
at an annual rent of one hundred and fifty dollars was
approved by the Board.

Petition of Cornelius Lennovan
to be compensated for grade damage done to his house No 69
Middlesex Street occasioned by the raising of Chapman Street.
Referred to the Committee on Sinking.

On petition of Charles H.
Jenkins and others that the Metropolitan Rail Road Company
be allowed to extend their location into Ward 12 over Liver Street
Bridge, the committee on Sinking reported that as the Rail Road
Company has not asked for such location and as no
evidence exists that said company desire such location of
the petitioners, any action on said petition would be pre-
mature, and is therefore inexpedient. Mem: This report was
passed before the petition of the Metropolitan Rail Road Com-
pany this day filed was received).

Petition of Francis Niger and
others, trustees under the will of Cyrus Niger deceased that
the Board would estimate the damages sustained by the
estate of said deceased in this County by the location, over a
portion of the same, of the Old Colony and Fall River Rail
Road pursuant to the Act of March 1st 1863. Read and thereupon
it was ordered that due notice be given to the Old Colony and

Fall River Railroad Corporation to appear before this Board 421
on Monday the seventeenth day of August next at four July 27 1863
o'clock P.M., when this Board will proceed to assess the dam-
ages sustained by the petitioners from the location of the Fall
River and Fall River Railroad across their land as in
said petition is more fully set forth.

On petition of the Broad- Broadway
way Railroad Company for leave to extend their location in Railroad
Ward No 12 by a double track in Dorchester Street from Broadway
to eighth Street thence by a single track with suitable turn
outs in eighth Street to 4th Street and thence in 4th Street to South
Street it is Ordered: That fourteen days notice be given by the
petitioners to the abutters on the Streets above mentioned that this
Board will on Monday, the seventeenth day of August next,
at five o'clock P.M. take into consideration the expediency
of granting the prayer of the petitioners, when any person
objecting thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice to be
given by publication of said petition and this order thereon
in all the daily papers of this City.

The Bond of Alfred T. Supl of Street.
Turner, the Superintendent of Streets was approved by the bond
Board.

The Committee on Paving. Suffolk
to whom was referred the petition of the Suffolk Railroad Com- Railroad
pany for an extension of location within this city, reported as
follows: Ordered: That in addition to the rights hereto-
fore granted to the Suffolk Railroad Company, to lay
down tracks through the streets of the City of Boston, said
company shall have the further right to lay down a

single track in Webster Street from their present track in
 July 27/1845 Webster Street near Union Street, and connect with their
 track in Lewis Street, and to connect their track with,
 and enter upon and use, with their horses and cars,
 the track of the East Boston Wharf Company's Railroad,
 with consent of owners thereof, in said Webster Street, be-
 tween the tracks of the Eastern Railroad Company and
 the tracks of the Suffolk Railroad Company in Lewis Street.
 Also, to lay down an additional track in Lewis Street,
 from Church Square to the ferry slips of the East Boston
 Wharf Company, with proper and convenient tracks and
 switches at said ferry, so as to enable said company to
 run their cars upon and over the drops and boats of said
 East Boston Wharf Company to and from the city of Boston.
 Also, to lay down a single track from the track of said
 Suffolk Railroad Company in Faneuil Hall Square, throu-
 gh Union Street and Market Square, to the present track
 in Haverhill Street. Also, to lay down in Boylston Street
 a single track ^A from the Metropolitan Railroad Company's
 tracks near the Winthrop House to Park Square, and a
 double track in Park Square to the northerly passenger en-
 trance of the Boston and Providence Railroad depot on
 Park Square. Also to extend their turnout track in Ber-
 ley Street northeasterly of the Fitchburg Railroad depot, in
 a northerly direction to the line of the Warren Bridge, at
 a distance of at least twenty feet from the edge stone on the
 northerly side of said depot building ^B. Also, to maintain their
 track as now constructed in Court Street near Bulfinch Street.
 Also, with the written consent of the Middlesex Railroad

Railroad Company, to exchange tracks with said Middle 1/23
sex Railroad Company between the head of North Street and July 27, 1863
the foot of Cornhill, so that the Suffolk Railroad Compa-
ny's cars may run on the northwesterly side of Union Street,
Dock Square, and Washington Street, and the Middlesex Rail-
Road Company's cars may run on the southeasterly side
of Union Street, Faneuil Hall Square, Dock Square, and Wash-
ington Street, with the right to construct the necessary tracks
and curves to connect with the tracks of said Suffolk Rail-
Road Company already built and hereby authorized to be
built, and the said Middlesex Railroad Company respect-
ively. Said written consent to be filed with the City Clerk
before the change of tracks under this provision is commen-
ced. Nothing authorizing this change of tracks shall be
construed to impair the obligation of the respective com-
panies in relation to their promises and obligations which
they have respectively entered into with the City of Boston
for keeping in good and complete repair and repaving the
streets in which the change takes place. The location of a
single track in Union Street is granted under the express
proviso and condition to the location, that it shall not
be laid down until the assent is given in writing by the
Middlesex Railroad Company, and said assent filed with
the City Clerk, that the track of the said Middlesex Rail-
Road Company now located and laid upon said Union
Street, shall be so changed that when the two tracks shall
have been laid down, they shall occupy the centre of the
caulway or roadway, so that the distance shall be the same
from the outer rail of each track to the edgestone supporting

424 the sidewalk on other side. The right to lay down this ad-
ditional track in ^DBellevue and ^EUnion Street is under the rule
July 27, 1863. a express proviso and condition that the said Suffolk Rail-
road Company shall at all times after the rails are laid
down keep in good order and complete repair, at their own
expense, that portion of said ^Fstreets through which said rails
may be laid, and also that part of said streets lying out-
side of the rails and adjacent thereto, extending two feet
from and outside of each rail; also the whole of the road-
way or cutway of Bayston Street, between Fremont Street
and Park Square, and Park Square. Also one half of the
roadway or cutway of Berney Street lying next to the Fitch-
burg Railroad depot building on said street. Also, under the
further express proviso and condition, that the said Suffolk
Railroad Company shall, at all times after they commence
running their cars in Union Street and Fitchmarket Square,
pay to the Middlesex Railroad Company one half of all
the expenses which the said Middlesex Railroad Company
shall incur or be subject to in keeping in good order and
complete repair and repairing the whole of said Union
Street and Fitchmarket Square, in accordance with the provis-
ions of the third location granted to the said Middlesex
Railroad Company by the Board of Aldermen, the thirty-first
day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred
and fifty nine. Also, under the further express proviso and con-
dition, that the location of said Suffolk Railroad Company
is discontinued in Summer Street from Maverick Square to Es-
planade Street, and in Crown Street from Summer to Webster Street,
and said Suffolk Railroad Company shall at their own

expense take up the tracks now laid there after the comple- 125
tion of the tracks under this location, and shall repair where July 27, 1863
the tracks shall have been so taken up in a manner refer-
able to the Committee on Paving and the Superintendent
of Streets. Also, under the further express proviso and condi-
tion, that the location granted to said Suffolk Rail Road
Company, October 20, 1862, to construct a single track in Black-
stone Street, between Haymarket Square and North Street, be, and
the same is hereby, rescinded. Also, under the further express
proviso and condition, that the said Suffolk Railroad Com-
pany shall at all times after the rails are laid down, ^{H.} keep
in good order and complete repair the whole of the por-
tion of the roadway or cartway of the street in which the
tracks are located by this order, at their own expense, and to
the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets; and when-
ever the Board of Aldermen shall, from time to time, deter-
mine and order that any portion or portions of said street
through and in which the track is located by the terms and
under the authority of this order, shall be repaired with
what they shall deem to be the best of stone materials, the
whole expense thereof shall be paid by said Suffolk Rail
Road Company; the work to be done by the Superintendent
of Streets, under the authority of the Board of Aldermen. Also,
under the further express proviso and condition, that the
whole work of laying down the tracks granted by this order,
and the precise location of the track to be laid down, and the
form of rail to be used, shall be under the direction and
to the satisfaction of the Committee on Paving and the Su-
perintendent of Streets, and shall be reported to them.

426. Also, under the further express proviso and condition, that the
July 2, 1863. Board of Aldermen reserve the right to allow any other horse
railroad company to run cars over the tracks located by
the authority of this order, for such compensation for the
use of their tracks as may be agreed upon by the respec-
tive companies; and in case of disagreement, the com-
pensation to be thus paid shall be determined according
law. Also, under the further express proviso and condition,
that the said Suffolk Railroad Company shall accept
this order of location, and agree to its several provisions
and conditions, within ten days from the date of its pass-
age, and shall file the same with the City Clerk; other-
wise, it shall be null and void. The roadway or cartway,
mentioned in this order, is to include the whole space be-
tween the edgestones supporting the sidewalk on either side.
And on the table and ordered to be printed. (To City Doc 72).

East Boston
Ferries

Agreeably to assignment the
Board took up the subject of purchasing the property and
franchise of the Peoples Ferry Company. And the question
being on the passage of the order attached to the majority
report: after some discussion the subject was laid on the
table.

Library

The further consideration of
the Public Library Ordinance was laid upon the table.

Middlesex
Railroad.

Agreeably to assignment
the Board took up the subject of the proposed removal
of the track of the Middlesex Railroad Company in Tremont

Row south and east of Scott's Building and the parties 427
being all present and ready to be heard, it was voted that July 27, 1863
the further consideration of the subject be continued to Tues-
day, August 4th at ten o'clock. A.M.

On motion of Alderman Metropolitan
Standish the Board took from the table the order of location Railroad.
of the Metropolitan Railroad and the question being on the
adoption of the amendment proposed thereto by Alderman Stan-
dish July 13th it was adopted, as recorded page 372, and the
subject was then laid on the table.

On motion of Alderman Washington
Clark Ordered: That the Committee on Paving be requested Street
to ascertain and inform this Board how many cars are cars in-
now run through Washington Street daily by the several
Horse Railroad companies and whether said companies
are entitled by the terms of their locations to run all such
cars through said street: and, also, whether the construction
of new turnouts in Tremont Street will increase the number
of cars run on Washington Street.

The order submitted at the Worcester
last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets Square
to repair the sidewalks on Worcester Square, was read a sec-
ond time and referred to the Committee on Paving.

Ordered: That the license Coalweigher
of William Simmins, Weigher of Coal, be and it hereby
is revoked for irregularity in office.

On petition of Sulphur Willoughby
Willoughby for leave to place a step in front of his house

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July 27. 1863. on Garrison Avenue, the Committee on having reported have
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Sullivan. On the several petitions of
Lynch. Margaret Sullivan, Jeremiah Lynch David Crowley & Mrs.
Crowley. Ellen Buchanan for leave to stand in certain streets of this city
for the purpose of vending fruit &c. the Committee on Licenses
reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read &
accepted.

Inspector of Prisons. The Inspector of Prisons for the
County of Suffolk submitted to the Board their report on the
condition of the Jail, Houses of Correction, Reformation, and
Lunatic Hospital in Dec. 1862. Read on the table and order-
ed to be printed.

Eighth Street. Whereas it appears to this
Board that a nuisance exists on premises situated on Eighth
Street between Dorchester and Highland Streets caused by estates
without drainage on said premises, belonging to Heirs of Cha-
les, Wm. Brigham, Jenkins & Nelson, William Christopher, A.
J. Nelson, J. H. Endicott, L. Geiffert, George F. Pond, John Small,
John P. Stone, C. G. Todd, which is dangerous to the health of
the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent
of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance
to be abated by constructing a good and sufficient drain at
the expense of said parties, who having been duly notified by
him, have neglected to abate said nuisance.

Market Hall. Agreeably to the report of the
Committee on the Market leave was granted to Andrew Pratt
to transfer one half of the interest of Mrs. Wm. New-Kincaid

Market to C. F. Pratt.

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On petition of Thomas Hughes, July 27, 1863.
and others that respect in Wheeler's Court may be amended. Hughes
and the Committee on Paving reported a reference of the subject to the Committee on Internal Health. Read, accepted and
referred accordingly.

On petition of John Sullivan Sullivan
to be paid for damages occasioned to his estate on Federal
Street, the Committee on Paving reported a reference of the
subject to the Committee on Streets. Read, accepted and refer-
red accordingly.

Agreeably to the report of Second Hand
the Committee on Licenses the following persons were licens- Articles
ed as dealers in Second Hand Articles. William W. Ross 26 Mat- Dealers
the Street. Betsey Levi 94 Essex Street. David Russell 75 Merimac
Street, and James Appelbohn 87 Essex Street.

George A. Tuttle, agent, was Pawnbroker.
licensed as a Pawnbroker at 22 Salem Street.

On petition of Gardner Brewer Beacon
and James H. Beebe. Ordered: That the Superintendent Street.
of Sewers be directed to deepen the sewer in Beacon Street
in front of the Hancock estate at expense of the petitioners.
Read once. Brewer

Ordered: That there be Summons
paid to Charles A. Sumner the sum of nine hundred and
fifty dollars for all damages sustained to him as lessee of a
portion of the premises on the Dexter Estate, so called, on Union

400 That, by reason of the cutting off the building to widen said
July 27, 1860 street upon their giving to the City an acquittance and dis-
charge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of
said widening; and the same be charged to the appropriation
for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening streets. Read
once.

Spear.

Ordered, That there be paid to
the legal representatives of Eliza C. Spear the sum of thirteen
hundred and eighteen dollars, for their interest in the land
taken to widen Lindall Street at the corner of Congress Street
by a vote passed in the year 1861. said sum being the
amount fixed by the referees in the matter of the claim
of Maria Spear against the City for land taken on said
street as due the aforesaid parties, upon their giving to the
City a deed for the same, and an acquittance and dis-
charge satisfactory to the City Solicitor for all damages, costs
and expenses in consequence of said taking; and the same
to be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims
for laying out and widening streets. Read once.

Hunneeman

Ordered: That there be paid
to Samuel A. Hunneeman and Company the sum of eleven
thousand four hundred and twenty dollars, for land taken
from them to widen Union Street, by virtue of a vote pass-
ed by the City Council in the year 1862 upon their giving
to the City a deed for the same, and an acquittance and
discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence
of said taking; and that the same be charged to the ap-
propriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and wid-

ning Street. Read once.

431.

Ordered: That there be paid July 27. 1863
to W. C. Blairdel employed in the City Physician's office Blairdel
from June to November 22. 1862, by authority of the Mayor, the
sum of one hundred and thirty two dollars. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall
on Monday the third day of August, Anno Domini, 1863.
Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Spin-
ney, Paul and Stevens.

Petition of Richard L. Fry and Fry.
others that a Sewer may be laid in South Street between
E. and S. Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of Howard Clapp and Clapp
others that a Sewer may be laid in South Street east of
G. Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of John S. Walker for Walker
leave to transfer an undivided half of Cellar N^o 3 Faneuil
Hall Market to E. N. Walker. Referred to the Committee on the Market.

Petition of Jesse Holbrook and others that proper drainage for surface water may be provided for that at the south end. Referred to the Committee on Sewing and Sewers.

Police.

Petition of George Bates that highway lane may be better lighted &c. Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Police.

On nomination by the Mayor Charles C. Spear, Elbridge G. Burtill, William H. McCausland, and David M. Rice were appointed and confirmed as Police Officers of this city with all the powers of constables except the power of serving and executing civil process.

Special

Police.

On nomination by the Mayor Hanson B. Patterson was appointed and confirmed as a Special Police Officer at the recruiting agency, Commercial Trust

Fire

Department
discharge.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, the discharge of Alva Fullman from Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, George A. Penham from Engine Company No. 6, Frank B. Quack from Engine Co. No. 1 were confirmed by the Board.

Fire

Department
admission.

On nomination by the Mayor the appointments of Thomas E. Porter as fireman in Engine Company No. 1, James E. Young as fireman of Engine Company No. 9, and George A. Baker as Axe and Buckle man of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 were confirmed by the Board.

Ordered, That due notice be 433

given that this Board will, on Monday, August 1st at 4 o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of rebuilding the Common Sewer in Irving Street and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons, who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who, by any more remote means, shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person, making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

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Irving
Street.

Ordered, That due notice be

given that this Board will, on Monday, August 1st at four o'clock, P.M., take into consideration the expediency of rebuilding the Common Sewer in North Russell and Eaton Streets, from Vine to Chambers Streets, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons, who may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer, or who, by any more remote means, shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person, making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

North Russell
and Eaton
Streets.

Petition of Louisa Thompson

to be indemnified for damages done to her estate at 13 Faneuil Hall Square on Thursday July by the Concord Fict. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. October 1. Came up concurred.

Thompson

The City Clerk reported that

during the last quarter he had received in his official capacity the sum of eight hundred and forty six dollars and twenty five cents, all of which had been paid into the City

City Clerk

434. Treasury Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed
Mar. 3. 1863. on file.

The City Registrar reported
that during the last quarter he had received in his official
capacity the sum of three hundred and eight dollars and
fifty cents, all of which he had paid into the City Treasury.
Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The Hayweigher
The Hayweigher at the North
reported that during the last quarter he had received
wages seven hundred and fifteen dollars and forty four
cents, fifty per cent of which he had paid to the Association
for Adult Learning Schools as per order of April 30, 1866. Read
and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Bonds of
City Officers. The Committee appointed to
examine the bonds of City Officers, have attended to that duty,
and beg leave to Report. That they find the bonds of the City
Treasurer, Auditor, City Clerk, Chief of Police, Superintendents of
Mails, Health, Public Buildings, Public Lands, Taxes, and Mar-
ket, Harbor Master, City Registrar, Paymaster of Soldiers' Relief
Fund, Water Registrar, and Sellers of Weights and Measures,
these being all the officers required to give bonds, correct in
form and of sufficient amount. For the Committee. O. S. Nor-
crop. Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concu-
rence. September 28. Came up concurred.

Bells
Ordered: That the Committee
on Ordinances consider and report an Ordinance to prevent
the ringing of Church and other bells to an excessive ex-

lent or at unreasonable hours. Sent down for concurrence 1435.
September 28. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor. (Oct. 3. 1863.
ber 1. 1863.

The Committee on the Re- Conscript.
lief of Soldiers' Families, who were instructed to procure the Commutation
opinion of the City Solicitor upon the legality of the payment fees
of the commutation fees of drafted men to the city, have at-
tended to that duty and respectfully submit the Solicitor's opin-
ion to the City Council. For the Committee, Thomas G. Amory, Jr.
Chairman. City Solicitor's Office, Boston July 30th 1863. Thomas G. Amory, Jr.
Chairman &c. &c. Dear Sir, In reply to your question,
whether it is competent for the City Council to appropriate money
to pay the commutation money, namely, three hundred dollars
for each of the persons drafted from Boston into the military ser-
vice of the United States, I refer you to the 122^d Chapter of the Stat-
ute of this Commonwealth for the present year. By this Act
such payment and appropriation is absolutely forbidden, &
any City or town officer who violates its provision is made
liable to fine or imprisonment. Very respectfully, Yours &c. J. P.
Healy. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence Sep 28.
Came up concurred.

The order submitted at Reaided.
the last meeting of the Board to pay Wm. Beaidell an em-
ployee in City Physicians Office one hundred and thirty two
dollars for services from June to Nov. 22. 1862, was read a second
time and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up con-
curred. Approved by Mayor Oct. 1. 1863

The order submitted at the Beacon
last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets
Street.

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Aug. 3. 1863. To widen the Union Street Lane in front of the Hancock.
late at the expense of the owners was read a second time and
passed. Approved by the Mayor August 4. 1863.

Hunnaman

The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board to pay J. H. Hunnaman 76' seven
hundred and twenty dollars for land taken to
widen Union Street was read a second time and passed.
Approved by the Mayor August 4. 1863.

Jaunders

The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board to pay Charles H. Jaunders nine
hundred and fifty dollars for damages sustained by him
as tenant of the Essex House from the widening of Union Street,
was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor
August 4. 1863.

Spear

The order submitted at the last
meeting of the Board to pay the representatives of Eliza C.
Spear thirteen hundred and eighteen dollars for their interest
in the land taken to widen Lindale Street in 1861, was read a
second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Aug. 4. 1863.

Border

Street

Ordered: That the Superintend-
ent of Streets be authorized to grade and gravel Border
Street between ^AHenmouth and Meridian Streets. Estimated
at cost three thousand dollars. Read twice and passed. (See
page 451).

Sanatoga

Street

Ordered, That the Superintend-
ent of Streets be authorized to grade and gravel Sanatoga Street

between Moore and Byron Greer Estimated cost sixteen hundred
and dollars. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor
August 4. 1863. 437

The Committee on Police

Police

Uniform

respectfully represent: That to the present Rules of the Police
Department the officers are required to wear the same uni-
form throughout the year, but it appears to them that the
welfare of the service will not be impaired by relaxing
this rule so far as to permit the wearing of a lighter coat
during the hot months. Such a course will reduce somewhat
the expense of the officers in respect to clothing, the increased
cost of which has been regarded as a burden which the City
ought to make some provision for. And as a mark of ap-
preciation of the hearty and valuable services of the De-
partment during the recent riotous disturbances, the
Committee further recommend that a light coat be now
presented by the City to each officer. They respectfully
submit the following order. For the Committee Thomas
C. Amory, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the members of the Po-
lice Department be permitted to wear, during the sum-
mer months, a dark-blue flannel skeleton blouse, instead
of the regulation coat now required. Ordered: That the Com-
mittee on Police be authorized to provide each officer of the
Police Department with a dark-blue flannel skeleton blouse,
at an expense not exceeding nine dollars per man, the
same to be charged to the appropriation for Police Read twice
and passed. Approved by the Mayor August 4. 1863.

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Market

The Superintendent of the Market reported that for the quarter ending July 31 he had received and paid into the City Treasury as rents for Market Hall, Market Stalls and Cakes, Eighteen thousand five hundred and nineteen dollars and eighty three cents. Read & placed on file.

Hathorne

The Committee on Licenses, to whom was referred the papers relating to the petition of Jacob A. Hathorne for extension of his Omnibus Routes within the City, to present orders for the consideration of the Board respectfully submit the accompanying orders for the Committee to Joseph L. Kenshaw, Chairman. Ordered: That leave be granted to Jacob A. Hathorne to establish a line of Omnibusses to run from Chickering's Dock on Timent Street down Timent, Court, Washington, Union Street, Haymarket Square, & Friend Street to Warren Bridge and return by the same route. 2. Ordered: That leave be granted to Jacob A. Hathorne to run his Omnibusses which now go down Hanover Street back through the same street. 3. Ordered: That leave be granted to Jacob A. Hathorne to extend his omnibus route from Concord Street to Fenny Street. Read, and the consideration of said orders was assigned for Monday August 17.

Beacon
and Charles
Streets.

nuisance.

Bartlett

Braman

The Committee on Internal Health, to whom was referred the petition of Sidney Bartlett and others, praying for the abatement of a nuisance on the flats near Charles River, on the northerly side of Beacon Street, have considered the subject, and Report: That there exists a nuisance on said flats, owned by Jervis L. Braman

and others, caused by the building of a sea-wall, in such 439.
way as to draw inside the wall filthy substances floating 3110. 3 1863.
in the water, and to retain them there, when the water re-
tain them there, when the water recedes; that said nuisance
is very offensive to the petitioners and the neighborhood in
which they reside; and that it is detrimental to the public
health and ought to be abated. That they do recommend
the passage of the accompanying order. In the Committee.
Messrs Clark, Chairman. Whereas, in the opinion of this Board
a serious nuisance exists on the flats west of Charles Street
and between Pinckney and Mount Vernon Streets and the
Mildam which is very offensive to that neighborhood, and
dangerous to the health of the inhabitants it is hereby Order-
ed: that notice be given to Jarvis D. Baman and all other
parties interested in the flats aforesaid that they be required to
abate said nuisance within two months from this date to the
satisfaction of this Board and the Superintendent of Health.
And it is further ordered that if said nuisance be not abated
by said several parties at the expiration of said period then
the Superintendent of Health is hereby directed to abate said
nuisance in such manner as this Board shall direct and at
the expense of said parties. Read, and Monday August 24th at 4
o'clock P.M. was assigned as a time for a hearing of all parties
interested.

The Committee on Petitions, to Broadway &
whom were referred the petitions of the Broadway Railroad Mitigation
Company and the Metropolitan Railroad Company for ex- Railroad
tension of their locations through certain streets of the city
proper, South Boston and over the Lever Street Bridge, would

we report that they have given the question involved in the
my 3. 1861 petition due deliberation and are unanimously of
the opinion that the public necessity at this time does not re-
quire the extension asked for. Therefore there is no need of issue-
ing an order of notice or remonstrants to appear. You can
fully believe that Horse railroad tracks should only be
placed in the street when a larger class of citizens are to
be accommodated thereby than will be disaccommodated. The
granting the prayer of either of the petitioners would place
rails in several important thoroughfares in the City proper
which would greatly discommode public travel without cor-
responding benefits. They are of the opinion that with the
extension of the Broadway Railroad through Fourth Street
with connection with tracks now down in Dorchester Avenue,
and as petitioned for by said Broadway Railroad Company
through Dorchester, Eighth and 9th Streets, upon which an order
of notice has been issued by the Board of Aldermen, all
the accommodation which that section of South Boston
will require for some years will be attained. Your Committee
in conclusion therefore recommend that both petitioners have
leave to withdraw. For the Committee, L. Miles Standish, Chair-
man. Read and accepted.

Intelligence
Office
rules &c.

The following rules and regu-
lations for the government of Intelligence Offices in this City
were passed by the Board, viz: 1. All persons making appli-
cations for license shall state in their petitions the place which
they propose to occupy; and no person licensed shall occupy any
other place, without leave first obtained of the Board of Alder-
men. 2. The Intelligence Offices may be kept open for business

between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 P.M. Sundays excepted, and 4/11.
at no other hour: 3. No person, licensed as aforesaid, shall Aug. 3. 1863
place in some conspicuous place on the premises occupied by
them, a sign, with their names, and the word "Licensed" there-
on; and shall produce their license on the demand of any
person doing business with them. 4. They shall keep a book, in
which shall be entered, at the time of application, the name
and residence of any person who may apply for employment,
and the name and residence of any person who may make
application to be supplied with male or female domestics, ser-
vants, clerks or other laborers, and also any and all sums of
money which may be received of any persons for such ser-
vice; and such books shall at all times be open to the inspec-
tion of the Mayor or either of the Aldermen, or by any
person by them authorized. 5. Every licensed keeper of an
Intelligence Office shall be entitled to receive of each fe-
male, at the time of application for a place, a sum not
exceeding twenty-five cents, and of each male who shall
make such application a sum not exceeding fifty cents;
and of each person making application for female ser-
vants a sum not exceeding twenty-five cents, and for a
male servant a sum not exceeding fifty cents, for which
a receipt shall be given at the time; and in case no ser-
vants, or place of employment, is obtained within six days
from the date of payment, the money shall be refunded, ex-
cept as follows: If either male or female shall be sent to a
situation, and make an engagement, and go to work, and for
any reason shall not remain in the place, neither party
shall be entitled to have the pay returned. 6. Any person li-

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Aug. 3. 1865 cannot to keep an Intergene Office who shall violate any of
the provisions of the preceding sections or any other rules
and regulations that may be hereafter passed by the Board
of Aldermen shall be liable to have his license revoked; pro-
vided however that any license may at any time be revoked
for any cause other than those above specified.

Washington
Street
cars

The Committee on Paving, to
whom was referred the order of inquiry of the Board
of Aldermen, in relation as to how many cars are run
through Washington Street daily by the several horse rail
road companies; whether said companies are entitled to
run said cars; and also, whether the construction of new
turn-outs in Tremont Street will increase the number of
cars run on Washington Street; would respectfully report,
that a copy of the order was transmitted to the Metropolitan,
Broadway, and Suffolk Railroad Companies, all of whom
run cars on Washington Street, between Boylston Street and
Cornhill, and replies have been received. Your Commit-
tee gather from these communications from the several com-
panies that the average daily trips of each company are
as follows, viz: By the Metropolitan 531

By the Broadway 160

By the Suffolk 55

Total 746

That no cars not authorized have been run through Wash-
ington Street regularly, but in two instances. Within the
last three weeks two cars not allowed were run through
said street by the Metropolitan Railroad Company, on ac-

count of the unsafe condition, for a short time, of the track 4/13
in Timent Street, as set forth in the reply of the President Aug. 3 1863.
of said company, which is annexed to this report. That the
construction of the turn out on Timent Street will not
probably increase the number of cars run through Wash-
ington Street. Annexed to this report are the communications
received from the several corporations. Respectfully submit-
ted, L. Miles Standish, Chairman. Read, accepted and order-
ed to be printed. (See City Doc 77.)

Whereas it appears to this
Board that a nuisance exists on premises in Kingston
Court, caused by dirt and filth, and an unsafe passage-
way on said premises, belonging to James Conner which
is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Order-
ed, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby
directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing
all dirt and filth from said premises and making said
passageway safe, or closing it up, at the expense of said
party, who, having been duly notified by him, has ne-
glected to abate said nuisance.

Kingston
Court.

Whereas it appears to this
Board that a nuisance exists on premises 35 Temple Street
caused by a defective drain on said premises, belonging to
James Lumon which is dangerous to the health of the inhab-
itants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health
be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to
be abated by causing said drain to be cleaned and re-
paired at the expense of said party, who, having been duly
notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Temple
Street.

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Hanover
Street.
Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises 204 Hanover Street caused by an overflowing vault on said premises, belonging to Samuel Rice, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by cleaning said vault at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Bolton
Street
Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises corner of Bolton and D. Street caused by an overflowing vault on said premises, belonging to Tombs and Connolly, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by cleaning said vault at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified by him, have neglected to abate said nuisance.

Commercial
Street.
Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises 453. 455. 457. 459. 461 Commercial Street caused by dirt and filth on said premises, belonging to John C. Nichols which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause nuisance to be abated by causing said dirt and filth to be removed at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this 445

Board that a nuisance exists on premises 44. Nashua Street Nov. 3. 1865
caused by an obstructed drain on said premises, belonging to Augustus Burt, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by causing said drain to be cleansed and repaired at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance
Nashua Street.

Ordered, That the Chief of Ridgway
Police be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Lane.
Ridgway Lane to furnish new edge-stones to support the Sidewalk, and to lay their Sidewalks with Brick, or flat stones within twenty days. And that, in default thereof, the same will be done by the City, at their expense, according to law.

No person appearing to Second
object to the proposed construction of a Sewer in Second Street.
Street between A. and Lombard Streets said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers.

No person appearing to ob- Three
ject to the proposed construction of a Sewer in Mercer Street.
Street, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Sewers.

Ordered: That the Chief of units
Police be directed to notify Charles P. and J. B. Curtis owners of estate on Tremont Street at the corner of Court Street to

186 furnish the edgewise to support the sidewalk front of said
store on Fremont Street and that in default thereof the
same will be furnished by the City at their cost.

Heist

Leave was granted to Heist
to give musical entertainment at their Opera House
on Washington Street.

Spencer

On petition of Charles B. Spence
for leave to erect a recruiting tent in State Street, the Com-
mittee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read & accepted.

Hagen

Licenses

Ordered: That Wagon & Truck
licenses No 1 to 1797 inclusive except Nos 274, 283, 286, 337, 417, 423,
473, 474, 488, 489, 490, 506, 551, 667, 714, 765, 777, 792, 820, 822, 837,
881, 924, 931, 1002, 1087, 1098, 1156, 1167, 1170, 1183, 1189, 1203, 1214, 1224,
1231, 1273, 1280, 1358, 1364, 1411, 1434, 1489, 1491, 1514, 1523, 1572, 1616, 1638,
1651, 1724, 1730, 1739, 1771, 1772, 1789, be issued for one year from
July 1, 1863.

Second hand
articles

Leave was granted to Rachel
Spurr to deal in Second Hand Articles at No 112 Essex Street.

Cook

Leave was granted to Samuel
Cook to exhibit some Wax Figures at 85 Union Street.

Hodgdon

Agreeably to the report of the
Committee on Licenses leave was granted to John G. Hodgdon
and other occupants of wagon stands on Fremont Street
between School and Court Streets to retain their privileges the
present year and until otherwise ordered.

Ordered: That in accordance 447.

with the provisions of an Act of the General Court of Mass. May 3 1863
passed April 30. 1862, the Winnisimmet Railroad Com. Winnisimmet
pany is hereby authorized to enter upon and use with its Railroad
horses and cars the tracks of the Suffolk Horse Railroad Com.
pany for the purpose of transporting its own passengers to and
from Scott's Building, so called, in Court Street and the Ches-
sea Ferry Landing at the foot of Hanover Street for such rates
of compensation as may be agreed upon with said Suffolk
Railroad Company or in case of disagreement, the same
shall be fixed according to the provisions of said Act. The
right to run said cars by the Winnisimmet Railroad Company
is granted under the express proviso and condition that said
Company hereby agrees to comply with the general rules and
regulations which the Board of Aldermen have adopted &
shall from time to time adopt to govern the running of
Horse Cars. Also, under the further express proviso and condi-
tion that said Winnisimmet Railroad Company shall be
subject to such rules, regulations and restrictions as to the
running of cars authorized by this order, as the Board of
Aldermen shall from time to time establish. Also, under the
further express proviso and condition that if the Winnisim-
met Railroad Company do not accept this privilege and reg-
ulation, and agree to comply with its provisions and con-
ditions in writing, within twenty days from the date of
its passage, and file said acceptance with the City Clerk,
the same shall be null and void. Read once.

Aug. 3, 1863
 Lynn & Boston
 Railroad

with the provisions of an Act of the General Court of Massachusetts passed April 20, 1863, the Lynn and Boston Railroad Company is hereby authorized to enter upon and use with its horses and cars the tracks of the Suffolk Horse Rail Road Company for the purpose of transporting its own passengers to and from College Building, located, in Court Street and the Chelsea Ferry Landing at the foot of Hancock Street for such rates of compensation as may be agreed upon with said Suffolk Railroad Company, or in case of disagreement, the same shall be fixed according to the provisions of said Act. The right to run said cars by the Lynn and Boston Railroad Company is granted under the express proviso and condition that said Company hereby agrees to comply with the general rules and regulations which the Board of Aldermen have adopted or shall from time to time adopt to govern the running of Horse Cars. Also under the further express proviso and condition that said Lynn and Boston Railroad Company shall be subject to such rules, regulations and restrictions as to the running of cars authorized by this order as the Board of Aldermen shall from time to time establish. Also, under the further express proviso and condition that if the Lynn and Boston Railroad Company do not accept this privilege and regulation, and agree to comply with its provisions and conditions, in writing, within twenty days from the date of its passage, and file said acceptance with the City Clerk, the same shall be null and void. Read once.

Ordered, That the Super= 449.

intendent of Streets be authorized to repair Water Street (Aug. 3. 1863.
between Congress Street and City Street, and make such Water
changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem Street.
necessary, and remove all such projections on the line
of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close
all openings into said Street, which are not secured in
accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those
which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become
dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused
to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost five
hundred dollars. Read once.

Ordered, That the Superin= Congress

tendent of Streets be authorized to repair Congress Street
between Lindall and Milk Street, and make such chang= Street.
es in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary,
and remove all such projections on the line of said Street
as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into
said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the
Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out
of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which
the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due
notice to that effect. Estimated cost seven hundred dollars.
Read once.

Ordered, That the Superinten= Merchants

dent of Streets be authorized to repair Merchants Row be= Row
tween South Market Street and North Street, including the
space between Saneuil Hall and Saneuil Hall Market,
and make such changes in the grade of said Street, as

450 he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections
Aug 2 1863 on the line of said street as he shall deem dangerous, and
to close all openings into said street, which are not secured
in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those
which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dan-
gerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to re-
pair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost one thousand
dollars. Read once.

Marion
Street.

Ordered, That the Superinten-
dent of Streets be authorized to grade and gravel Marion Street
between Henton and Centaur Streets. Estimated cost six hun-
dred dollars. Read once.

Adjourned to Tuesday (tomorrow) at 10 o'clock A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall
on Tuesday the fourth day of August, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Pinney,
Clark, Stevens, Denio, and Paul.

Middlesex
Railroad

Agreeably to assignment the
Board took up the subject of the proposed removal of the
tracks of the Middlesex Railroad south and east of Scot-
tays' Building: but it appearing from the representation
of the Middlesex Railroad Company that their counsel E. F.
Hodges, Esq. was unavoidably absent and that a postpone-

ment of the case was desirable, it was moved that the joint 151
a consideration of the subject be assigned for Monday the Aug. 4. 1863
seventh day of September next at 4th o'clock P.M. which mo-
tion was adopted.

On motion of Alderman Stand- Border
ish the Board re-considered the vote whereby an order was Street.
passed yesterday for Superintendent of Streets to grade and
gravel Border Street from Monmouth to Meridian Street and
the question being on the passage of said order it was a-
mended by striking out "Monmouth" and inserting "Canton"
and as amended the order was passed. - Approved by the Mayor
August 4. 1863.

On motion of Alderman Stan- Metropolitan
dish the Board took from the table the location of the Metro- Railroad
politan Railroad Company - and the question being on the
adoption of said location, as recorded page 307, with the amend-
ment passed July 13 and 27 - the same was determined in the
affirmative.

On motion of Alderman Amory Library
the Board took from the table the proposed Ordinance in rela-
tion to the Public Library, and the question being on the adop-
tion of the amendment to Sect. 5 heretofore submitted by Alderman
Amory - that gentleman withdrew said amendment, and he
submitted an Ordinance in a new draft as a substitute for
the original ordinance / No 65 / which was laid on the table and
ordered to be printed. / See City Rec. No 76 /

On motion of Alderman Fin-
shaw the Board then adjourned to Monday the 17th instant at four
o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall
on Monday the seventeenth day of August, Anno Domini,
1863

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Sen-
io and Norcross.

Met: Hort: Society. Petition of Massachusetts Horti-
cultural Society for use of Faneuil Hall one week from Sept.
21st next for a public exhibition of fruit &c. Referred to the
committee on Faneuil Hall.

Bean Petition of James M. Bean for
leave to close up Alden Street for four days while building
improvements are in progress. Referred to the Committee on Pub-
lic Works with full power.

Spaulding Petition of G. R. Spaulding for
leave to exhibit a circus company on the Fair Grounds one
week from Sept. 11, 1863. Referred to the Committee on Licenses,
with consent of Board of Land Commissioners.

Metropolitan Petition of Metropolitan Rail-
Road Company for leave to erect a stable for more than
four horses on Tremont Street near Camden Street. Referred
to the Committee on Internal Health.

Wallace and others Petition of William A. Wal-
lace and others for abatement of a dangerous nuisance caus-
ed by stagnant water in rear of Appleton Street. Referred to
the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of W. L. Bradley for 453.

leave to transport in suitable vehicles spent kerosene acid to his laboratory in Roxbury. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health. Aug 17, 1883. Bradley

Petition of Sarah J. Bradford Bradford.

to be compensated for damages sustained by her estate at 35 Dwight Street from a change of grade at that locality. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Peter G. Munro Munro.

for leave to construct a cellar doorway to estate at 26 Eliot Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Peter G. Munro that Munro

the gutters in Springfield Street below Tremont Street and Shawmut Avenue may be paved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Childs and Jenks Childs

for leave to construct a coal hole in sidewalk at 127 Tremont Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of C. C. Sloan & others Sloan

that the sidewalk on K Street below Ninth Street may be constructed. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of J. K. Fuller and Fuller

others that Kendall Street may be accepted. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of the Middlesex Rail. Middlesex

Road Company for leave to construct a curve track on house. Railroad

154 way that near Warren Bridge. Referred to the Committee
Aug. 17. 1863. on Paving.
Rave

Petition of I. L. Rave and others
that suitable drainage may be furnished to estates east of
O. Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

How-
Timmins Petition of Hall J. How & others
that William Timmins may be re-appointed a Weigher
of Coal. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Way Petition of Samuel A. Way and
others that a new street be opened from South to Federal
Streets in continuation of Essex Street. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Streets.

Bourvi Petition of Thomas J. Bourvi to be
compensated for damages done to his house 29.31 Cooper St.
on occasion of the recent landslide riot. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. October 1. Came
up concurred.

Howes Claim of Hubert S. Howes for dam-
ages done to his stock and store by the landslide riot of
July 14. 1863. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down
for concurrence. October 1. Came up concurred.

Barnes Petition of Thomas P. Barnes to be
compensated for injuries sustained by his stock and store
on occasion of the recent riot July 14. 1863. Referred to the
Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. October 1.
Came up concurred.

Ordered: That Frederic W. 455.

Thacy, the City Treasurer, be, and he is hereby authorized Aug. 17. 1863.
and directed to enter upon and take possession for and in
the name of the City of Boston, of the Real Estate situated
on Cross Street in said Boston, which was mortgaged by Sa-
thaniel Billings and Mary Billings his wife, to the Massa-
chusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, by deed dated
the twentieth day of July, A.D. 1844, and recorded with Suffolk
Deeds, Lit. 527, Vol. 186, and which said mortgage deed was
thereafterwards duly assigned by said Massachusetts Hospital
Life Insurance Company to the City of Boston, for a breach
of the condition of said mortgage deed, and for the purpose
of foreclosing the right to redeem the same. Read twice and
passed. Sent down for concurrence. September 28. Came up concurred.
Approved by Mayor Oct. 3. 1863.

The report of the Inspector House of
of Prisons was taken from the table; and on motion of H. Reformation.
derman Pierce, it was ordered, that the report of the Inspector
of Prisons in relation to the condition of the inmates of the House
of Reformation for juvenile offenders in Dec. 1862, (City Doc. No. 73
for 1863) be referred to the Committee on Institutions at South
Boston and Deer Island, and that they be requested to report
thereon at an early day. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28.
Came up concurred. Approved by Mayor Sep. 30. 1863.

Elisha Copeland, Auditor Auditor
of Accounts, reported that he had received during the quarter
ending July 31. the sum of forty seven dollars and fifty five
cents on account of the City and paid the same into the City
Treasury. Read & sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file. Accounts.

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Metropolitan
Railroad

sent at the last meeting of the Board moved to reconsider the vote whereby an extension of location was granted on the fourth instant to the Metropolitan Rail Road Company at the south end (as recorded page 461) and he gave his reasons therefor - but said motion did not prevail, and said location was submitted this day to the Mayor for his approval. Approved by the Mayor, August 18. 1863

Congress

Street.

The order submitted to the Board on the 3^d instant for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Congress Street from Lindall to Milk Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Aug. 18. 1863.

Marion

Street.

The order submitted to the Board on the 3^d instant for the Superintendent of Streets to grade Marion Street from Hunter to Coutar Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor August 18. 1863.

Water

Street.

The order submitted at the meeting of the Board on the third instant for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Water Street between Congress and Kilby Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Aug. 18. 1863.

Merchants

Row.

The order submitted at the meeting of the Board on the third instant for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Merchants Row from South Market to North Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor August 18. 1863.

Resolved, That the safety 457.

and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Aug. 17. 1863
Dorchester Street should be widened, and for that purpose it
is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way
of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Frederick H.
Hynn - bounded as follows, viz: Northwestwardly by the propo-
sed line of widening of Dorchester Street, there measuring
eighty two feet and $\frac{4}{10}$; Southwestwardly by Goddard Street, two
ty five feet and $\frac{32}{100}$; Southeastwardly by the present line
of Dorchester Street, eighty three feet and $\frac{2}{100}$; and Northeast-
wardly by the same, twenty six feet and $\frac{9}{100}$: containing twenty
one hundred and fifty nine square feet, more or less. And
Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this
Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose afore-
said, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is there-
fore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and
the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street
or way of the said City - according to a plan of the said
widening made by N. Henry Crafts, City Engineer dated Aug-
ust 3^d 1863, and deposited in the office of the said Board of
Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of
widening the said Dorchester Street, as aforesaid, will amount
to one thousand dollars; which sum, together with the amount
of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said
street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the
sum of five thousand dollars. Read twice and passed. Approv-
ed by the Mayor Aug. 18. 1863.

Ordered, That the Committee Steam Fire
on the Fire Department be and they hereby are authorized to engine

458 purchase a new Steam Fire Engine for the use of the Depart-
ment, at an expense not exceeding three thousand dollars.
Aug 17 1863 Read twice and passed. - Approved by the Mayor Aug. 24. 1863.

Seuckstung

The Committee on the Harbor, to

Winthrop
Beaches

whom was referred the petition of Abijah R Seuckstung, Execu-
tive, for leave to remove gravel &c; from Winthrop Beaches, hav-
ing given the subject a careful examination, beg leave to re-
port. That the committee met the petitioner on the premises with
two of the Selectmen of the Town of Winthrop, the Harbor Mas-
ter, and A. Boschke, Esq, the Engineer who is employed under
the direction of the Commissioners of the United States on the
Survey of Boston Harbor, that the result of their investiga-
tion has been, to confirm them in the belief that the removal
of gravel, or other substances, from the Beach owned by the pe-
titioner ought not to be permitted, because it cannot be done
without seriously impairing the protection afforded by the
point of land called Point Shirley, to the inner harbor. It
is possible that the removal of the accretions merely, would
not be important, but, should a license be granted, it would
be liable to abuse, as it would be very difficult to distin-
guish between the temporary accretions, and such materials
as have become permanent fixtures, not likely to be removed
by the action of the sea in ordinary tides. These materials
are essential to the protection of the Harbor whenever extraor-
dinary gales of wind, accompanied by high tides occur. Mr.
Boschke is decidedly of opinion that no part of the accretions
should be removed. The committee beg leave to refer to
the report made by them in February last. (City Doc. 171)

remain that let fall the act of the petitioner, and his co-
petitors, in relation to this Beach. The Committee believe that
the petitioner himself concurs in the opinion that the remo-
val of substances from his beach may be detrimental to the
Harbor, but, he thinks the Commonwealth, or the City of Boston
should purchase his land, on the ground that it is subst-
antially taken for public use. Admitting that this is true,
it appears that the Commonwealth has paid a sum of
money and taken a receipt in full. The Committee now re-
port that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. *Ad Lib.* John S.
Tyler, Chairman. Accepted and ordered to be printed. (See City
Doc No 86)

The Committee on the Harbor
to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Benjamin
Wheeler to be allowed to take ballast from Winthrop Beach, beg
leave to Report. That the beach in question lies northeasterly
from Winthrop Head, extending along for about a mile, and
forming the northeasterly boundary of Broad Sound. The eleva-
tion of the land the whole distance is several feet higher
than the lands of other proprietors lying each side of it.
The land falls off on the northwesterly side, and extends
towards the Town of Winthrop, so that it adjoins marsh lands,
the surface of which is but a few feet above ordinary high tide.
Should this Beach be overflowed, the effect would be detri-
mental to these marsh lands and prejudicial to the interest
of the proprietors who are supposed to be inhabitants of Winthrop,
but it does not appear that any injury to the Harbor of Bos-
ton would result. It appears that one or more of the Select-
men of Winthrop, with others entered complaints against

*Winthrop
beach*

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The parties engaged in removing ballast from the premises in
Aug. 17, 1865 question, under the provision of the Act of 1836 & 37. The offenders
were convicted and fined, as they were not licensed to take
ballast from these Beaches by the Mayor and Aldermen of
Boston. In consequence of this proceeding the petitioners now
apply for a license and the Agent states that this practice
of taking ballast has been uninterrupted notwithstanding
the Act of 1836 until this complaint was made and he further
declares that a former Mayor of Boston told him that no formal
license was necessary. The conviction of the offenders under the
Act of 1836 clearly shows that the petitioners have no right to
continue their practice of taking away ballast from these Beach-
es without a license from this Board. The question is whether it
ought to be granted? The Legislature of the Commonwealth
has thought proper to clothe the Mayor and Aldermen of
Boston with an important control over private property lying
outside of the territorial jurisdiction of the City. The object
sought was evidently the preservation of Boston Harbor, and
so far as this end is to be attained there can be no doubt
of the propriety of the Law, or of the expediency of its appli-
cation; but, it has already been stated that no injury to the
Harbor of Boston would result from the overflowing of the Beaches
of these petitioners, although damage might ensue to the lands
of inhabitants of Northampton. This leads to the inquiry whether
this Board ought to refuse a license, when no damage to
the Harbor is likely to result from granting it? Looking at the
obvious intention of the Act of 1836, the Committee are of opin-
ion that a license ought not to be refused, when it appears that
the Harbor will not be injured by its use. But, on the other

hand, it is to be considered that the Legislature has given 461
no licensing power to the Authorities of the Towns bordering up Aug. 17. 1863
on the Harbor, although the inhibition to take ballast from all
Beaches and Headlands is general and imperative, unless
licensed. The Committee are of opinion therefore, that in order
to carry out the intention of the Law without unnecessary in-
trusion upon private rights this Board should grant licenses in
all cases where injury to the Harbor will not result, provided
no objection is made by the inhabitants of the Towns within
which the Beaches are situated. It follows that the Committee
would report in favor of granting a license to these petitioners
if it was not opposed by the inhabitants of the Town of Winthrop.
The fact is, however, that two of the Selectmen of that town ap-
peared before the Committee, and expressed strong opinions a-
gainst it, not so much perhaps, on account of the removal of
ballast from the premises of the petitioners as of the example
such removal would afford to others, whose lands are situ-
ated on each side and are not so much elevated above
tide water. The Committee are constrained, therefore to report
leave to withdraw, on this petition, with the understanding that
the license may be granted, if the petitioners can obtain the
assent of the Inhabitants of Winthrop. Order, John S. Tyler, Chair-
man. Accepted and ordered to be printed. See City Document 79.

Ordered: That the Committee on Winthrop's
the Harbor be authorized to enquire and report to the Board Beaches
of Aldermen whether or not it is expedient for the City in
conjunction with the Town of Winthrop or otherwise to adopt
measures to quiet the claims of the owners of beaches in the

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Plan of Northrop to take gravel, sand &c therefrom. Sent down
for concurrence September 28. Came up concurred. Approved by
Mayor October 1. 1863.

Fourth
Street.

Ordered, That due notice be given
that this Board will, on Monday, next at four o'clock, P.M.,
take into consideration the expediency of constructing the
Common Sewer in Fourth Street, east of 2^d Street, and of assess-
ing the expense thereof on all persons who may enter their
particular Estates into such Common Sewer, & who by any
more ample means shall receive any benefit thereby; Any
person, making objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Napier
Street.

Whereas, in the opinion of the
Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants re-
quire that Napier Street should be extended it is therefore
thuly Ordered, that due notice be given to Charles N. Furn-
um, William Schier, and N. D. Cotton, as trustees of the estate
of Henry Furnum; and also to Horace S. Graham, W. A. Graham
and J. M. Donough, that this Board intend to extend the
Street before mentioned, by taking a portion of their land
and laying out the same as a public Street and that Mon-
day, the twenty fourth day of August instant at four o'clock
P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which
may be made thereto.

Winnisimmet

Railroad

The order submitted to the Board
on the third instant establishing certain rules and regula-
tions to be observed by the Winnisimmet Railroad Company
as a condition for running their cars and horses upon the
tracks of the Suffolk Railroad as far as Tolley's Building,

was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor August 18. 1863.

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The order submitted to the

"Lynn &

Board on the third instant establishing certain rules and regulations to be observed by the Lynn and Boston Railroad Company, upon running their cars over the tracks of the Suffolk Rail Road as far as Scollay's Building, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor August 18. 1863.

Boston

Railroad

Upon the petition of Francis

Alger.

Alger, William A. Howard, William Perkins, and Anna J. Judd, trustees under the last Will and testament of Cyrus Alger, late of Boston, deceased, praying that this Board would estimate the damages occasioned to the estate of said Cyrus Alger by the taking of a portion of the same by the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company, and the making and maintaining of their railroad upon and over said land as in the petition of said trustees is more fully set forth it now appearing that said Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Company have been duly notified of the pendency of said petition. It is hereby Ordered: that the damages occasioned to the estate of said Cyrus Alger, deceased, by the location of the Old Colony and Fall River Railroad over a portion of said estate be assessed by this Board at the sum of one dollar. Read twice and passed.

Old Colony

& Fall River

Railroad

Accordingly to assignment

Hathorne's

the Board took up the subject of the proposed extension of Omnibus privileges to Jacob A. Hathorne as described in the orders reported by the Committee on Licenses recorded on page

omnibus

route

464 458 and the question being taken first on order No 3, the ~~Amey~~
Aug 17 1883 That vote the same was adopted the question being next
taken on order No 2, the Hancover Street route, the Yeas and
Nays were demanded thereon and were taken as follows.
Yeas Aldermen Amey, Clark, Marsh, Paul, Spinney, Standish,
Tyler & Nays Aldermen Kenshaw, Seice, Stevens 3. To said or-
der was passed. Alderman Stevens moved a reconsidera-
tion of this last vote and the consideration of said motion
was assigned to Monday next. The question next recurring
on passage of order No 1, the Fremont Street route, on motion
of Alderman Clark the subject was laid upon the table.

North Russell
Street.

No person appearing to object
to the proposed construction of a Sewer in North Russell and
Eaton Streets, said subject was recommitted to the Committee
on Sewers.

Iring
Street.

No person appearing to object
to the proposed construction of a Sewer in Iring Street, said
subject was recommitted to the Committee on Sewers.

Hughes
Wheeler's
Court.

The Committee on Internal
Sanitary to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Hughes
and others for the removal of cesspits in Wheeler's Court, have
attended to the same and Report: That the request of petition-
ers having been complied with no further action is required.
In the Committee. Read and accepted.

Auburn,
Livingston.

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises situated on Auburn,

Livingston and North Charles Street, caused by an obstructed and defective drain on said premises, belonging to Bernard Kane, J. Colburn, J. B. Clapp & Co., Daniel Halpelt, Mrs. E. Carter, A. A. March, Mr. Wilson, A. M. George, George Goddard, Samuel Curtis, John Hunt, H. C. Hackett, and James C. Merrill, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all obstructions, and if required to construct a new drain at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified by him, have neglected to abate said nuisance.

Agreeably to assignment the Board took up the subject of the proposed extension of the location of the Broadway Railroad by a track through Rochester, Eighth and N. Streets to Fourth Street and it appearing that due notice had been given of the pendency of said petition as directed by this Board, James M. Stone, Esq. President of the Broadway Railroad Company explained to the Board the benefits of the proposed location. Tolman Willey, Esq. for himself and others, J. M. Bates, Esq. for Hall J. Hunt and others appeared and objected to the proposed location and desired further time to consider the matter. Whereupon the further consideration of the subject was assigned for Monday Sept. 14. at 5 o'clock P.M.

On petition of Thomas P. Smith for leave to construct a coal hole at 102 Hudson Street, the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted if the owner of the estate will give a bond to comply with such regulations and conditions as the Board of Aldermen have

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adopted or shall adopt in relation to excavations under side walks. Read and accepted.

On petition of Richard L. Fry & others that a common sewer may be laid in Jnder Street between C. and E. Streets, the Committee on Sewers reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Estimates

Agreeably to report of the Committee on Licenses, Thomas Hellen was appointed a Coal Weigher in this City.

Second Hand
Articles

Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on Licenses the following persons were licensed to deal in Second Hand Articles - viz: Michael O'Brien 2145 Federal Street, Sarah Buckman 63 Salem Street, Kent & Gore 160 Canal Street, Frier & Fiel 85 Cambridge Street.

Intelligence
Office

Leave was granted to Sherlock Spener to keep an Intelligence Office at 106 Backstone Street.

Second
Street

Whereas, it appears to this Board that a necessity exists for the construction of a Sewer, in Second Street, between A. and Rochester Street, and that public notice of such intention has been given, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby directed to construct a common Sewer in said Second Street, and to report a schedule of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read once.

Mercer
Street

Whereas, it appears to this Board that a necessity exists for the construction of a Sewer in Mercer

Street, between Dorchester and Telegraph Streets, and that 1167
public notice of such intention has been given, it is hereby Aug. 17/1863
Ordered, That the Superintendent of Sewers be and he is here-
by directed to construct a common sewer in said Mercer
Street, and to report a schedule of the expense thereof to
this Board, pursuant to law. Read once.

Ordered, That there be paid Mahoney
to Daniel Mahoney the sum of Twenty five dollars, in full
compensation for damages to his estate on London Street, East
Boston, caused by the grading thereof upon his moving his ti-
tle to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and
upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge
for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said
grading; and that the same be charged to the appropria-
tion for Paving &c. Read once.

Ordered, That there be paid Cadogan
to Dennis Cadogan the sum of fifty dollars in full compen-
sation for damages to his estate on London Street, East Boston,
caused by the grading thereof upon his moving his title to said
estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his
giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all
damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said grad-
ing; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for
Paving &c. Read once.

Alderman Standish moved to Suffolk
take from the table the order establishing an extension of Railroad
location for the Suffolk Railroad (City Doc. 72) but said mo-
tion did not prevail, and the Board then

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the twenty fourth day of August, Anno Domini 1863.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Timony, Jenio and Norcross.

Jurors

Four Grand and Three Petit Jurors were drawn for the United States District Court.

Jones

Petition of Edward J. Jones, Commander of the Eleventh Battery that the Franklin School House on Washington Street may be assigned to his command for an Armory. Referred to the Committee on Armories.

Fennemore

Petition of George A. Fennemore to be compensated for damages occasioned by want of proper drainage in Irving Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Fowler

Petition of Fowler & Co for a drain through Eastern Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Bates

Petition of George Bates that the sewer in Ridgeway Lane may be repaired. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Bacon

Petition of Jacob Bacon for abatement of assessment for construction of a sewer in Eliot Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of William M. Coleman for a license as a Tumbler in Faneuil Square. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. 469
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Petition of Messrs Spidel for leave to give concerts at Faneuil Gardens at 578 Washington Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses. Messrs

Petition of Broadway Rail Road Company for leave to extend their location through Trichester Street, Goddard Street, Seventh, E. and Fourth Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Broadway Railroad

Petition of Metropolitan Railroad Company for leave to extend their location over Dover Street Bridge into Ward 12. Referred to the Committee on Paving. Metropolitan Railroad

Petition of Charles N. Hill that certain taxes on his estate in Ward Seven which were over assessed and paid, may be refunded. Referred to the Committee on Finance Department on part of this Board. Hill

Petition of James A. Sutton to be compensated for injuries sustained from an alleged defect in the highway of Union and Friend Streets. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 1. Came up concurred. Sutton.

Ordered: That the following Bill for services rendered or materials furnished by persons connected directly or indirectly with the City Government, be paid, provided they are approved and allowed in the usual Bill to be paid.

470. manner, viz: Hurs Bird, twenty nine dollars and ninety
Aug 24, 1863 eight cents. nine dollars and fifty four cents. Sumner Crosby,
five hundred and thirty six dollars and sixty eight cents.

Wes Clark one hundred and sixteen dollars and twenty
eight cents. Linn and Roberts, nine hundred and sixty
six dollars and thirty eight cents; ten dollars and ninety
eight cents. J. Samuel, one hundred and twenty two dollars
and thirty seven cents; Laiten & Ingersoll, seven dollars and
ninety two cents. Holbrook & Harlow, six hundred and five
dollars and ninety four cents; A. W. Pratt, eighty four dollars &
ninety seven cents, sixty four dollars and one cent; fifty three
dollars and sixty cents; J. T. Paul, sixty two dollars and eleven
cents; George W. Sprague, three hundred eighty two dollars and
fifty cents; M. F. Wells, thirty nine dollars and twelve cents. Read
here and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Sep 28 came up
concurred. Approved by Mayor Sep 30. 1863

Caidogan

The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board to pay Dennis Caidogan, fifty dollars
for grade damages on London Street, was read a second time
and passed. Approved by the Mayor August 26. 1863.

Mahoney.

The order submitted at the last
meeting of the Board to pay Daniel Mahoney Seventy five dol-
lars for grade damages on London Street, was read a second
time and passed. Approved by the Mayor August 26. 1863.

Sevier
Street

The order submitted at the last
meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Sewers to con-
struct a Sewer in Mercer Street, between Dorchester Street & Tele-

graph Street was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 25. 1863.

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The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Sewers to construct a Sewer in Second Street between Hand and Leicester Street was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor, Aug. 25. 1863.

Second
Street.

No person appearing to object to the proposed construction of a Sewer in Fourth Street east of G. Street, said subject was recommitted to the Committee on Sewers.

Fourth
Street.

No person appearing to object to the proposed extension of Napier Street to Milton Street, said subject was recommitted to the Committee on Streets.

Napier
Street.

On the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company for leave to construct a curved track in Causeway Street to connect its track which passes over Warren Bridge with the Suffolk Railroad track in Causeway Street, it is Ordered: That fourteen days notice be given by the petitioners to the abutters on said Causeway Street that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of September next at four o'clock, P.M. take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard:— Said notice to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in all the daily papers of the City.

Middlesex
Railroad

Agreeably to notice the Board look up the subject of the existing nuisance on the flats north

Beacon
Street

472. of Beacon Street and west of Charles Street. Sidney Burdell, Henry
Aug. 24. 1863. T. Ward and others stated that in their opinion the nuisance
existed on the flats of William Ropes and of Jarvis Braman's heirs
while Messrs Ropes and J. L. Braman contended that the nuisance
proceeded from the common sewer which is laid in Beaver
Street: All parties admitted the existence of an intolerable
nuisance on the flats at very low tide. The hearing of the par-
ties being terminated the order for the abatement of the nuis-
ance was laid upon the table the Board having voted to visit
the premises at three and a half o'clock, P.M. on Tuesday, to-mor-
row.

Case

A lease from the City of Boston
to Charles P. Chamberlin of the City's Wharf on Charles Street near
Cambridge Bridge for a term of three years from April 1st 1863
at an annual rent of twelve hundred dollars was approved
by the Board. Subsequently Alderman Paul gave notice that he
should move to reconsider this vote at the next meeting of
the Board.

Tremont
Street.

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises situated on Tremont Street
between Worcester and Springfield Streets, caused by stagnant
water on said premises, belonging to Frank S. Foster, Daniel W. Farr,
Abner S. Dean, William L. Lind, Edward Austin, Mrs. M. Allen,
which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby
Ordered that the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby
directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by filling and
draining the said lot at the expense of said parties, who, having
been duly notified by him, have neglected to abate said nuis-
ance

Whereas it appears to this Board 473

that a nuisance exists on premises situated on Endicott Street Aug. 24 1863
Cooper Street and Stillman Place caused by an obstructed & Endicott
defective drain on said premises belonging to Levi Robt. & S. Cooper Street
Goodwin, The^{rs} Otis, J. B. Clapp & Son, Daniel Furren, Ann A. Shuter, Stillman
George P. Onker, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabi- Place
tants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health
be, and he is hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abat-
ed by removing all obstructions or constructing a new drain
at the expense of said parties, who, having been duly notified by
him, have neglected to abate said nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this

Board that a nuisance exists on premises situated on passage
way between Hamilton Place and Winter Street caused by an
obstructed and insufficient drain on said premises, belonging
to Edward Reynolds, A. B. Inches, Samuel A. Malley, Josiah Quincy,
William D. Thier, and Nathaniel Tracy, which is dangerous to
the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Su-
perintendent of Health be, and he is hereby directed to cause
said nuisance to be abated by removing all obstructions &
if required to construct a new drain at the expense of said
parties, who, having been duly notified by him, have neglected
to abate said nuisance.

Hamilton
Place

Whereas it appears to this Board

that a nuisance exists on premises situated on Village and
Albion Streets caused by stagnant water on said premises,
belonging to J. H. Hathorne, which is dangerous to the health of
the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent

Village
Street

1874 of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance
Aug. 24, 1865 to be abated by removing the same either by draining or other
wise, at the expense of said party, who, having been duly noti-
fied by him has neglected to abate said nuisance

Curney
Place

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises 2, 3 and 4 Curney Place
caused by overflowing vaults and dirt and filth on said prem-
ises, belonging to John Goldthwaite, which is dangerous to the
health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Super-
intendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause
nuisance to be abated by removing the contents of vaults
and carting away all dirt and filth at the expense of said
party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected
to abate said nuisance.

Gardiner
Street

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises 4 Gardiner Street caus-
ed by overflowing vault and estate without drainage on
said premises, belonging to G. D. Austin which is dangerous to
the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Su-
perintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause
said nuisance to be abated by removing the contents of vault
and constructing a drain at the expense of said party, who,
having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said
nuisance.

Upton
Street

Whereas it appears to this Board
that a nuisance exists on premises on Upton Street caused by
stagnant water on vacant lot on said premises, belonging to
Benj. L. Whitcomb, which is dangerous to the health of the in-

habitant, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health 1475
be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be Aug. 24. 1863
abated by chaining or otherwise, at the expense of said party,
who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate
said nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board Albion
that a nuisance exists on premises 82 Albion Street caused by
an estate without drainage on said premises, belonging to
Benj. Burlingame which is dangerous to the health of the in-
habitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health
be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated
by constructing a good and sufficient drain at the expense of
said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglect-
ed to abate said nuisance.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police Congress
be directed to notify the owners and abuttor N^o 66 62 64 and 66 Con-
gress Street to furnish new edge stones to support the sidewalk, with-
in twenty days. And that, in default thereof, the same will be
done by the City, at their expense, according to Law.

Ordered: That the license hereto- Second Hand
fore granted to Herman Cohn to deal in Second Hand Articles
at 29 1/2 Salem Street be and the same hereby is revoked for cause. license
revoked.

The Superintendent of Health Warren
having notified the Board of the existence of nuisances detri-
mental to the public health on premises N^o 106 Warren Street and
in Carney Place, the Board voted to visit the same tomorrow after-
noon. Carney Place

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Back

Bay

South End

Sewerage

appointed to consider so much of the Mayor's Address as relates to the Back Bay, together with so much as relates to the sewerage of the South End, have attended to that duty, and now have respectfully to report, that the subject committed to their consideration is one of present importance in respect to a large portion of the territory of this City, and the manner in which it shall be treated involves future results of great pecuniary and sanitary consequence not only as to this territory, but as to other neighboring parts of the City. The "Back Bay" is rapidly becoming covered with dwellings and other edifices, and it is the first and most imperative duty of those who control its destinies to make reasonable preparation for all contingencies arising out of the comparatively low grade of the land, which may affect the health or comfort of the inhabitants, the value of property, or the municipal responsibility for defects of grade or drainage. We understand that, strictly speaking, outside of agreements already entered into, the City has no authority to interfere in the disposition of these lands, the uses they may be put to, the direction of streets or drainage, or any other matter connected therewith, unless some nuisance be created by the owners. But, in the present instance, the parties owning the lands have the public welfare as well as their own interests too much at heart to throw any obstacle in the way of an amicable and satisfactory solution of a problem, the complications of which many have feared would not only involve the Back Bay Territory in dispute and ruin, but the City in enormous expenses. It should be understood, however, that no such disaster, in respect to the City, can occur if ordinary caution be exercised; inasmuch as

no street need be accepted, no water-pipes or sewers need be 477
laid, no gas-lights need be furnished, until the grades are such Aug. 24. 1863
as will admit of laying sewers that will do their work thoroughly and without peradventure. We are informed that efforts have already been made to procure the acceptance by the City of some of the Back Bay street, and as the number of dwelling-houses increases it is not improbable that many applications of this kind may be made before the plans of sewerage are definitely settled; but we urge upon the City Council, especially in view of late experience in reference to Dover Street, to sanction no act of municipal legislation which will embarrass the City in the exercise of its reserved rights as to these matters, and perhaps involve it in responsibility for insufficient or faulty drainage, and to postpone all action upon such applications until a general, complete, and effective plan of grades and sewerage for the whole territory is adopted. Although the matter referred to the Committee embraced not only the subject of sewerage, but that of the grade and direction of streets, they have regarded the latter as usually depending upon and subordinate to the former. The general course and grade of the main sewers being settled, the location and grade of the auxiliary sewers and of the streets will naturally conform thereto. There could be little doubt, therefore, that the matter of drainage being concluded, the streets would be graded to a proper and uniform height, even if no understanding existed as to what the grade is to be. There is, however, an agreement between the State and the Water Power Company that the grade of the streets on their whole territory shall not be less than 18, and in some cases the centres of streets already

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grated are raised to a grade of 20. We anticipate no difficulty in this matter, especially in view of the control the City has in respect to the acceptance of street. By the Tripartite Agreement of 1836 between the State, City, and Boston Water Power Company, it was contemplated to drain the whole of the land of the Commonwealth and Water Power Company into the Charles River, by means of one large sewer of nine feet diameter at the outlet, crossing the railroad and running longitudinally through the Water Power Company's land, terminating in a sewer of much smaller dimensions at Camden Street. Of this great sewer, the State was to build that portion lying within its own boundaries and to a point on the Water Power Company's territory, 120 feet beyond, whence the Water Power Company was to carry it, through Columbus Avenue, to Camden Street, and the City was to build a branch from Columbus Avenue to Tremont Street, through Dedham Street. It was then supposed that the construction of this great sewer would be simultaneous with the filling, but as yet no steps have been taken to carry out that part of the Tripartite Agreement. That agreement is still in force, and nearly all the negotiations, up to a late date, between the Back Bay Commissioners of the City and State, representatives of the Water Power Company and other interested parties, have been upon the basis of the construction of this great sewer. Such modifications of this plan as were suggested had for their foundation the idea that all the sewerage of the Bay must find its way to the sea by the way of Charles River, either through one sewer of great size, or several smaller sewers. But one great difficulty has been encountered at every step, viz: the low grade of

the railroads, which the sewer or sewers must cross. The rail- 479
road companies have manifested no intention to remove their
depots or to raise the grade of their roads, and there has seemed
to be no remedy for this serious and apparently insuperable ob-
stacle in the way of executing the original plans. Recently,
however, the deliberations of the committee and the city com-
missioners have taken a new direction, and a new scheme has
been devised which seems to the committee entirely practicable
and certain of being effective. It is simply this: 1. That the
great sewer shall be abandoned altogether, and the State
shall take up the sewer it has laid in Berkeley Street, thus
leaving the territory as though nothing had been done or
agreed upon. 2. To lay a sewer, six feet in diameter, through
Berkeley Street to the Providence Railroad, and at a reduced
diameter under that railroad and across the Water Power Com-
pany's land to the Worcester Railroad; and also a sewer, six
feet in diameter, through South Street to the line of the Com-
monwealth's land, and at a reduced diameter to the Providence
Railroad, ^{A.} thus providing by two main sewers for the drainage
of all the Commonwealth's land, and so much of the Water
Power Company's land as lies within the northern intersection
of the railroads. 3. To lay a main sewer from Cambridge Street,
through Columbus Avenue, Avenue III, and South Street, to
the South Bay, the diameter to be three feet at the commence-
ment, increasing to six feet at the outlet, thus providing for the
drainage of all the Water Power Company's land east of the
railroads. It appears to the committee that this plan, as shown
upon the map presented with the report of the commissioners,
will strike every person conversant with the localities as

400 unobjectionable in every respect, while it promises a certain
Aug. 24. 1863 sufficient, and healthy drainage for the whole territory affected.
He is informed that it has been heretofore regarded by some as
impracticable, or at least imprudent, to attempt to carry any of
this drainage into the South Bay, but such opinions seem to us
to be founded either in prejudice or misinformation, for we can
not find either in the location or extent of the South Bay drain-
age proposed, any objectionable feature. By dividing the drain-
age of the Back Bay sending one portion to Charles River and
the other to the South Bay we shall be enabled to secure for both
sections a better drainage than could under any circumstances
be obtained by turning it all in one direction, because the sewers
of each division may begin at a higher grade, thus effectually
dispelling any apprehension of the sewers becoming choked from
stagnation or forming back water upon the concurrence of
heavy rains and high tide. In speaking of the plan proposed
as likely to afford adequate sewerage for the territory, the Com-
mittee do not mean to be understood as saying that it
will, after the territory becomes fully settled, dispose of both the
domestic and surface drainage. Experience demonstrates that
the volume of domestic drainage is constantly on the increase,
and in this locality we apprehend the time may come when
the domestic drainage will so largely occupy the sewers pro-
vided, that it will be necessary to furnish additional facilities
for removing the surface water. It is fully established that all
sewers having tidal gates, such as those in Church Street, Lever
Street, and South Street, are at times liable to become closed,
so that they cannot, until the tide recedes, discharge their contents.
At such times it is important that they should not be encum-

bered by heavy surface-drainage, for which some other disposi- 481
tion should be made. This can be easily done by having drains - Aug. 24, 1863
in the streets not occupied by the main sewers, and the expense
of these drains will be materially lessened by the high grade
at which they may be built. The committee advise to the mat-
ter at this time, so that there may hereafter be no misunder-
standing as to the capacity of the sewers contemplated by the
plan now recommended. In regard to the territory south and
west of the Commonwealth and Water Power Company's land,
it seems to us that the future will take care of itself, the nat-
ural drainage into Charles River, unhampered by connection
with the drainage east of the Providence Railroad, being
ample, and not easily susceptible of obstruction. With ref-
erence to the accomplishment of this plan, the committee, through
a sub-committee, and with the cooperation of the Commissioners,
have had some correspondence, the results which they recom-
mend for the ratification of the City Council. In the course of
numerous conferences with the Commissioners of the State and
the representatives of the Water Power Company, they were met
in a most friendly spirit, with an evident desire to concur
in any feasible plan which would operate justly towards all
parties. Upon examination they regarded the scheme now
recommended as such a plan, and they cordially assent-
ed to it. The terms of detail only remained to be agreed upon,
subject to the confirmation of the City Council. The State Com-
missioners offered to expend towards constructing the Berkeley
and Dedham Street sewers an amount equal to what their
portion of the nine-foot sewer would have cost; and they
offered as an alternative, to pay the City a certain sum to as-

482. The same volume these two sewers. Another proposition was, in its
Aug. 24 1863 terms, quite satisfactory to the Committee, who named, in re-
spect to the second offer, a somewhat larger sum than that
mentioned by the Commissioners as one for which the City would
be likely to assume the construction of the sewers, this sum be-
ing based upon reliable estimates. The negotiation finally closed
with an offer of the State to build that portion of the sewer on
their land, and as far as the railroads, including two sub-
stantial tidal gates, to the acceptance of the City of Boston,
at their own cost. This the Committee think a fair equiva-
lent for the State's portion of the nine-foot sewer, and re-
commend its acceptance. The construction of the Berkeley Street
sewer over the Water Power Company's land between the rail-
roads, and of the Columbus Avenue sewer, became a subject
of negotiation with the Water Power Company, and the Com-
mittee having estimated the cost of those sewers at fifty thousand
and dollars, that Company has signified its willingness to
pay the City that sum for assuming them. This arrange-
ment the Committee are also in favor of executing. The Com-
mittee have also conferred with Messrs J. C. and A. Brown and
John Simmons, who are large owners of land between Fer-
dinand Street and the Water Power Company's land within
the intersection of the railroads, as to the construction of that
street and the sewerage of their territory. The Messrs Brown
have made an offer to construct and grade Ferdinand Street
for its entire length, including an iron bridge over the Worcester
Railroad, and to lay a sufficient main drain for a specific
sum. According to their original plans, Ferdinand Street was to
be located as to close up Fayette, Marion, and other corresponding

streets. But this proposition contemplates a new location, opening 183
those streets to the south, greatly to the interest of the neighbor- Aug. 24, 1863
ing owners, and to the advantage of the general public.
The Messrs Brown also include in their offer the compensation,
at their own expense, for all land damages involved in the
construction of Ferdinand Street. This proposition is coupled with
some stipulations as to the sale of certain lots to the City for
public purposes, which may tend to embarrass it in the opinion
of the City Council, and the Committee, therefore, while they re-
commend negotiations with the Messrs Brown upon the basis of
their proposition, leave it for the City Council to prescribe such
limits thereto as they may deem proper. They do not regard it
as essential to the success of the main plan that immediate ac-
tion should be taken in regard to this portion of the territory, the
chief importance of Messrs Brown's proposition consisting in its
bearing upon the territory between Church and Ferdinand Streets.
In this connection they desire to say, the matter being indi-
rectly within the scope of their inquiries, that they feel that the
adoption of this plan will necessitate a speedy recourse to
some measures for the relief of the residents and owners in the
neighborhood of Church Street, who are now unquestionably
suffering to a greater or less extent from faulty drainage. And
although the Committee do not consider the City responsible
for the existing state of things, they believe the City Council will
meet the demands of the interested parties in a liberal spirit,
and they desire to express the hope that steps may be taken
at an early day to negotiate for the application of some rem-
edy upon an amicable basis. In concluding, the Committee can
not forbear to urge upon the City Council an early and care-

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Aug. 27/1803 for consideration of the whole subject. They have become con-
vinced, after much patient examination, that the plans re-
commended are the best that have been or can be suggested,
and they believe that the adoption of the order appended to
this report, followed by speedy and energetic action on the part
of the persons acting for the City in the matter, will settle per-
manently what has promised to be a vexed question for years, and
give a sufficient and permanent drainage to the Back Bay
Territory, at a trifling cost to the City compared with the value
of the results obtained. The Committee recommend the adoption
of the accompanying order. Witness Elias Fane, Robert Marsh, S. Miles
Standish, William Carpenter, Charles Woodbury, Granville Mearns, John
Bonacscale, Nathaniel Adams. Cited: That with such
as the Common Council may join, be a Committee, authorized
with full powers, under the advice of Honorable the Mayor, and the
City Solicitor, to make an agreement with the Commonwealth
of Massachusetts and the Boston Water Power Company, by which
the Ship-lift Indenture of December 11, 1856, between said parties
and the City, may be so modified as to release said parties
from their obligation to construct the great sewer contemplated
in said indenture, and in lieu thereof the said parties shall
be held to execute the following stipulation, viz: That the Com-
monwealth shall construct a sewer of six feet diameter from
Charles River through Berkeley Street to the Providence Railroad,
and also a sewer of six feet in diameter, from Charles River
through Seaboard Street to the line of the Commonwealth's land,
and a continuation of the same sewer, with a diameter of
three feet, to the Providence Railroad, and shall furnish and
set for each of these sewers, substantial tidal gates, the whole

work to be done to the acceptance of the City of Boston, that the 1883
Boston Water Power Company shall pay to the City of Boston the Aug. 24. 1885
sum of fifty thousand dollars; that the City of Boston shall con-
struct a continuation of the sewer laid by the Commonwealth
in Berkeley Street, at a reduced diameter, under the Providence
Railroad and across the Water Power Company's land, to the Wor-
cester Railroad, and also a sewer of three feet diameter at its com-
mencement and six feet diameter at its outlet, from Camden Street
through Columbus Avenue, Avenue III, and Maltham Street to the
South Bay; and also a sewer of proper dimensions from the corner
of Avenue III and Clarendon Street through the latter street to the
Worcester Rail Road. ^BOrdered: That the same committee be
authorized, with full powers under the advice of his Honor
the Mayor, and the City Solicitor, to negotiate with Messrs. J. C. &
N. Brown and John Timmons, for the construction of Ferdinand
Street, including a bridge over the Worcester Railroad, and
a sewer in Ferdinand Street, at an expense not exceeding
forty eight thousand dollars; and also for the purchase of a gram-
mar school house lot between Columbus Avenue and Ferdinand
Street, at such a price as they may deem for the interest of the
City. ^EOrdered: That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized
to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, the
sum of seventy five thousand dollars, the same to be appropriat-
ed for the establishment of ^Bproper grades and drainage for the Back
Bay Territory, so called. ^CAnd on the tenth and eight hundred
copies ordered to be printed. (See City Document No. 81).

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Leave was granted to William
Langley to keep an Intelligence Office at 140 Court Street.

Intelligence
Office
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Leave was granted to John
 Aug. 24, 1863 Nelson to sell at Auction goods, wares &c. at N^o 20 Washington
 Avenue Street.

Leave was granted to G. R.
 Spaulding to exhibit a circus company at the Fair Grounds
 in this City for one week in September next.

On petition of Metropolitan Rail
 Metropolitan Road Company for leave to erect a Stable for more than four
 Stable houses on Tremont near Camden Street, the Committee on Inter-
 nal Affairs reported that leave be granted. Read & accepted.

On petition of Childs and Jenks for
 Childs leave to construct a coal hole in sidewalk at 127 Tremont Street,
 the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted on con-
 dition of the owner of the estate giving a bond to comply with
 any and all regulations and conditions which the Board of Al-
 dermen may make respecting excavations under sidewalks. Read
 and accepted.

Notice was received from the Metro-
 Metropolitan Railroad Company that they had accepted on the twenty
 first instant the location granted to said Company by this Board
 on the eighteenth instant. Read and placed on file.

Alderman Stevens moved to recon-
 sider the vote whereby at the last meeting the Board granted
 leave to Jacob A. Hathorne to run a line of Omnibuses up Hanover
 Street and after some remarks thereon, the further consideration
 of said motion was assigned for Monday next.

On the several petitions 487.

of William Evans that Second Street from South Street to Mica Street may be paved. of J. K. Fuller and others that Second Street be accepted. of Nathaniel Adams and others that the grade of Ocean Street be continued about seven hundred feet; the Committee on Paving reported that said measures are inexpedient at the present time. Read and accepted.

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Evans

Fuller

Adams

On petitions of Sarah J. Bradford

ford to be compensated for damage sustained by her (State No. 35) Dwight Street from a change of grade therein. and of Peter O. Munro for leave to construct a cellar-door way to State No. 26 Eliot Street, the Committee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Bradford

Munro

The Committee on Internal

Health, to whom was referred the petition of William H. Wallace and others for the abatement of nuisance existing on premises of Henry Sperry in rear of Appleton Street, have fully considered the subject, and after mature deliberation Report: That said premises having been visited by the full Board, and reported upon, as per City Document No. 66, and their reasons for non-interference in that particular case, having been fully set forth, they would suggest to the said petitioners they propriety of making application to the Grand Jury for a bill of indictment against all parties concerned, as the most efficient means to abate the nuisance complained of. For the Committee, Moses Clark, Chairman. Read and accepted: and thereupon it was Ordered: That the Superintendent of Health cause said nuisance to be abated forthwith in such manner and way as the City Solicitor may advise.

Wallace.

Sperry.

Appleton

Street.

Ordered, That there be paid

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Hutch

to Edward Hutch the sum of five hundred dollars for all his right, title and interest in and to that strip or parcel of land in the passageway from Federal Street over land of the heirs of Jabez Hutch, to wit: so far and so much of said parcel of the passageway as was taken possession of in removing and loading the buildings on the Lake Estate, so called, by widening Federal Street between East and Summer Streets upon his giving a deed and acquittance therefor, satisfactory to the City Solicitor and that said sum be charged to the appropriation for antiquated claims for laying out and widening streets. Read once.

Springfield

Ordered: That the Superintendent

of Streets be authorized to pave the gutters and lay brick gutters & sidewalks in Springfield Street between Shawmut Avenue and Belmont Street, in conformity with the established grade, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City, and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost five hundred dollars. Read once.

Springfield

Ordered, That the Chief of Police

be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Springfield Street between Belmont Street and Shawmut Avenue who have not laid their sidewalks to furnish new edge-stones to support the sidewalk, and to lay their sidewalks with brick, within twenty days. And that, in default thereof, the same will be done by the City, at

their expense, according to law. Read once.

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Whereas, it appears to Aug. 24. 1863.

this Board that a necessity exists for the construction of a sewer in Irving Street, and that public notice of such intention has been given, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be and he is hereby directed to construct a common sewer in said Irving Street, and to report a schedule of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read once.

Irving
Street.

Whereas, it appears to this Board that a necessity exists for the construction of a sewer, in North Russell and Eaton Streets, and that public notice of such intention has been given, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be and he is hereby directed to construct a common sewer in said North Russell & Eaton Streets, and to report a schedule of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read once.

North Russell
& Eaton
Streets

The Committee on Paving on the petition of William Lumston and others that edgestones may be set and the gutters paved in Worcester Square and the order of the Board in relation to the same would respectfully report the accompanying orders. For the Committee L. Miles Standish, Chairman. Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to pave the gutters, macadamize, and lay brick sidewalks in Worcester Square, in conformity with the established grade, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City, and those which are so much

Lumston.

Worcester
Square.

1790 out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which
Aug 24, 1863 the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice
to that effect. Estimated cost twenty four hundred dollars. Read
once.

Worcester
Square.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police
be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Worcester Square
who have not laid their sidewalks, to furnish new edge-stones
to support the sidewalk, and to lay their sidewalks with brick,
or North River Blue Stone within twenty days. And that, in de-
fault thereof, the same will be done by the City, at their expense,
according to law. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Al-
dermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics' Hall on Mon-
day the thirty first day of August, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Alderman Denis.

Jones

Three Grand Jurors were drawn
for the Superior Criminal Court.

Bowman

Petition of Honer H. Bowman
and others that a new sewer may be laid in Ridgeway Lane.
Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Suffolk

Railroad Co. Company for leave to extend their location within this City so as

to reach the Old Colony and Worcester Railroad Station. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

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Petition of Nathaniel J. Brad-
lee and others that a certain sidewalk in Franklin Street may
be laid. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Gookin and Hodder
and others that Salutation Street be repaved. Referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Petition of W. H. Warner and
others that the sidewalks on Broadway from N. to M. Streets may
be laid. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Robert B. Williams
that better provision be made to surface-drain Upton Street.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

On petition of the Metro-
politan Railroad Company for leave to extend their location
into Ward No 12, by construction of tracks over Dover Street
Bridge to South Street, thence in South, E. St. or Dorchester Street
to Goddard Street, thence through Goddard and Eighth Street
to L. Street to return through Fifth, Swan and Foundry Street
to Dover Street Bridge it is Ordered: That fourteen days notice
be given by the petitioners to the abutters on the streets above
mentioned that this Board will take into consideration the
expediency of granting the prayer of said petition on Monday
the twenty first day of September next at five o'clock, P.M.
when any parties objecting thereto may appear and be heard;
said notice to be given by publication of said petition and

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Broadway
Railroad

On petition of the Broadway Railroad Company for leave to extend their location in Ward 12 by constructing a track in Dorchester Street as far as Goddard Street, thence in Goddard, & Seventh, 2. and Fourth Street to Dorchester Avenue and in said Avenue to connect with track of the Dorchester Railway, it is Ordered: That fourteen days notice be given by the petitioners to the abutters on the streets above mentioned, that this Board will take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the said petition on Monday, the twenty first day of September next, at five o'clock, P.M. when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard: said notice to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order therein in all the daily papers of this city.

Worcester
Square

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to pave the gutters and lay the sidewalks of Worcester Square was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor September 2. 1863.

Worcester
Square

The order submitted to the Board at its last meeting for the abutters on Worcester Square to lay their sidewalks with brick, was read a second time and passed.

North Russell
& Eaton
Streets

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Sewers to construct a sewer in North Russell and Eaton Streets was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor September 2. 1863.

The order submitted at 493.

the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets, Jan. 31. 1863
to construct a sewer in Spring Street was read a second time.
and passed. Approved by the Mayor September 2. 1863.

Spring
Street.

The order submitted at
the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets
to lay brick sidewalks and pave the gutter in Springfield
Street between Chaumut Avenue and Tremont Street, was read
a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Sep. 2. 1863.

Springfield
Street

The order submitted to the
Board at the last meeting for the abutment on the above portion
of Springfield Street, to lay their sidewalks with brick was read
a second time and passed.

Springfield
Street

The order submitted to the
Board on the twenty fourth instant to pay Edward Hatch four
hundred dollars for his title and interest in a strip of land
in a passageway leading from Federal Street over land of
Jabez Hatch's heirs which was taken to widen said street, was
read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Sep. 2^d
1863.

Hatch.

On motion of Alderman Stan-
dish the Board took from the table the order providing for an
extension of the location of the Suffolk Railroad as recorded
page 421, and the question being on the passage of said
order, it was amended as follows, at A. insert "with sufficient
double track for the cars to pass conveniently" at B. insert "ex-
cept for a short distance near the northerly end of said

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Railroad

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that and to construct proper and convenient turnout tracks at the Boston and Maine and at the Boston and Providence Railroad Depots; at C. and D. strike out 'this track' and insert 'these tracks'; also strike out at E. in Webster and Lewis 'trails' at F. insert 'Webster and Lewis' at G. strike out 'hall' at all times; at H. strike out all the words as far as I. at J. strike out 'whole' and at K. strike out 'thereof' and insert 'of such portions as said Suffolk Railroad Company are obliged to keep in repair under the conditions of this location.' Said location as thus amended was adopted - Approved by the Mayor Sep. 2. 1863

Pawnbroker.
Second hand
Articles.
Squeakly to the reports of the Committee on Licenses William M. Coleman was licensed as a Pawnbroker at No. Warren Square; John Mullen to deal in Second Hand Articles at No. Broad Street and Betsey Finner to deal in Second Hand Articles at 110 Cambridge Street.

Shawmut
Avenue
Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises in Shawmut Avenue and Broad Street caused by dirt and filth on said premises, belonging to Wm C. Estabrook, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removal of said dirt and filth at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Lynn & Boston
Railroad
Notice was received from the Lynn and Boston Railroad Company that they had accepted on the

21st of August the conditions of their location granted Aug. 18. 1863. Read and placed on file.

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Notice was received from the

Winnisimmet Railroad Company that they had accepted on the

22^d of August the conditions of their location granted by this Board on the 18th of August 1863. Read and placed on file.

Agreeably to assignment

Hathorne

the Board entered upon the consideration of the motion made to reconsider the vote whereby on the 17th of August leave was granted to Jacob M. Hathorne to run his Omnibus up through Hanover Street and after a debate thereon, the further consideration of the subject was postponed to Monday next at 4 1/2 P.M.

On motion of Alderman Paul

Lease

the Board reconsidered the vote whereby at the last meeting a Lease from the City of Boston to Chas. F. Chamberlain of a wharf on Charles Street was approved and said lease was recommended to the Committee on Public Buildings.

On motion of Alderman

East Boston

Stevens the Board took from the table the report in relation to the purchase of the East Boston Ferries, and Monday next was assigned for the special consideration of the matter.

Ferries

Agreeably to the report of

Coalweigher

the Committee on Licenses William Timmins was re-appointed a Weigher of Coal in this City.

On petition of the Massachusetts

Hort. Socy

Horticultural Society for use of Faneuil Hall for one week in Sep.

Society

19th lumber next to their annual exhibition, the Committee on Fun-
Aug. 31 1885 and Hall reported that as the Society has secured another hall,
no further action on their petition is necessary. Read and accepted

Marshall. Agreeably to the report of the Com-
John Thayer mittee on Licenses leave was granted to Hyman Marshall to
open the Boston Theatre for Dramatic, Musical and Equestrian
performances the ensuing season.

Hess Leave was granted to Messrs Hess
Apollo Gardens & Spindel to give Concerts at the Apollo Gardens 576 Washington
Street on the usual conditions.

Mercantile Ordered, That the Superintendent
Street. of Streets be authorized to repair Mercantile Street, also Richmond
Richmond Street between Mercantile and Commercial Street, and make
Street. such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem nec-
essary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street
as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said
Street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances
of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be
liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants
have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost
fourteen hundred dollars Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board 497.
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on
Monday the seventh day of September, Anno Domini, 1863.
Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Henshaw.

Two Grand Jurors drawn for the Jurors
Superior Criminal Court.

Petition of William Darton for Darton.
an extension of the Border Street sewer to low water mark. Referred
to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of James Wyman that Wyman
obstructions be removed from the West Castle Street sewer. Referred
to the Committee on Sewers.

Petition of the Dorchester Rail- Dorchester
way Company for leave to run their cars to the various Steam Depots Railway
and Ferries in this City. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of George V. Lane for Lane
leave to excavate under the sidewalk in Wilson's Lane. Referred to
the Committee on Paving.

Petition of W. P. Emerson for Emerson
leave to construct two coal vaults under sidewalks at N. 3. Park
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Fresa A. Allen to be Allen
paid for land taken to widen Cornhill Street. Referred to
the Committee on Streets.

Sep. 7. 1863. Charitable Mechanic Association for use of Faneuil Hall October
 Mass. Char. Association. fourteenth for a festival. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil
 Hall.

Whereas Ishugh and Rowland have
 given notice to this Board of their intention to erect buildings
 on South Street Court, in the said City; and, in the opinion of
 the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants re-
 quire that the said Court should be widened at the place de-
 scribed in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due
 notice be given to the said Ishugh and Rowland, and also to
 Henry Willis, owner of the land, that this Board intend to widen
 the Court before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about
 to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a
 public street and that Monday, the fourteenth day of September
 instant, at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing
 any objections which may be made thereto.

Suffolk
 Railroad

A notice from the Suffolk Rail
 Road Company of their acceptance on the third instant of the
 location granted on the second of September, was received and
 placed on file.

Special
 Police

On nomination by the Mayor,
 William E. Ford was appointed and confirmed as a Special Po-
 lice Officer of this City for duty at the Public Library.

Police

On nomination by the Mayor, Charles
 Taylor and Stephen L. George were confirmed and appointed as
 Police Officers of this City with all the powers of Constables ex-

cept the power of serving and executing civil process.

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Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, the discharges of the following persons from the Department were approved by the Board - viz: Henry B. Fowler, Alexander Wilson, Leonidas Hodgdon, L. L. Smith from Engine No. 1. William N. Weeks, William N. Prescott, Hose No. 1. George C. King. Hose No. 2. George N. Pike. Hose No. 3. Robert Spear, Hook and Ladder No. 3.

Fire

Department

discharges

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, and with the approval of the Mayor, the following persons were admitted into the Fire Department: Engine No. 1. Rufus F. Swiss, Benjamin Swiss; Engine No. 4. Thomas Merritt - Engine No. 5. Augustus Blood - Engine No. 6. Henry Daniels - Engine No. 7. Daniel A. Barney, Daniel Carter. Hose No. 2. John King - Hook and Ladder No. 3. Maurice Rowe, George F. Clark - Engine No. 3. M. V. B. H. Ryder.

Fire

Department

admissions

Petitions of Samuel Hall and other citizens of East Boston that the telegraphic system of Fire Alarms be extended to East Boston. also petitions of the several Insurance Offices - and of the Engineers of the Fire Department, in aid of the same measure. Read and referred to the Committee on Fire Alarms. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 28. Came up concurred. Approved by Mayor Sep. 30. 1863.

Petitions of Samuel Hall and

Hall

Fire Alarms.

East Boston.

Ordered: That the following

Bills

Bills for services rendered or materials furnished by persons connected, directly or indirectly, with the City Government, be paid, provided they are approved and allowed in the

to be paid

500 usual manner - viz: Bonner and Southerland, three hun-
dred and nineteen dollars and twenty six cents, one hun-
dred dollars. Sumner twenty four hundred and forty two
dollars and fifty cents, two hundred and forty dollars and
eighty six cents. Senie and Robert, thirty one dollars and
eight cents. Fisher and Aldin, three hundred and twenty
nine dollars. G. Hears, sixteen dollars and eighty cents, and
nine dollars and ninety cents. A. W. Pratt, thirteen dollars and
fifty nine cents. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concu-
rence. September 28. Came up concurred. Reported by Mayor Sep-
tember 30. 1863.

Jones.
Eleventh
Battery.

The Committee on Armories, to
whom was referred the petition of Edward J. Jones that the
Franklin School House, in Washington Street, be assigned to
the Eleventh Massachusetts Battery, for an Armory. Having
considered the subject, now report. That in the opinion of the
Committee the public good will be promoted by granting the
prayer of the petitioner, and they therefore recommend that
the matter be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings,
under whose directions sundry alterations must be made to
adapt the building to the use contemplated. John F. Tyler, Chair-
man. Read accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for
concurrence.

Rice
Enclosure

Ordered: That Edward F. Knowlton
of Natick in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth
of Massachusetts be and he hereby is authorized in the name
and behalf of the City of Boston to enter upon and into the
land and premises described in a certain deed of mortgage

given by David Rice of Natick in said County of Middle- 501.
sex to said City of Boston dated October 1st 1856 and recorded Sep. 7, 1863
in the registry of deeds for the Southern District in said
County of Middlesex Lib. 765. fol. 188 for a breach of the condi-
tion of said deed of mortgage by the said Rice the Mortgager
and for the purpose of foreclosing the right to redeem the same.
Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Septem-
ber 28. Came up concurred. Approved by Mayor, October 3, 1863.

Ordered: That Edward F. Morton.
Knowlton of Natick in the County of Middlesex and Com- foreclosure
monwealth of Massachusetts be and he is hereby authorized
in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to enter upon
and into the land and premises described in a certain deed
of mortgage given by James Morton of Needham in the County
of Norfolk to said City of Boston dated June 10, 1856 and re-
corded with Norfolk Deeds Lib. 247. fol. 10. for a breach of the con-
dition of said deed of mortgage by the said Mortgager and
for the purpose of foreclosing the right to redeem the same.
Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Septem-
ber 28. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor October 3, 1863.

Petition of Woodcock and Meach- Woodcock
am that their plan proposed for a New City Hospital may
be restored to them. Referred to the Committee on the City
Hospital. Sent down for concurrence. Sep. 22. Came up concur-
red.

Petition of Henry Taylor, Taylor
Superintendent of Faneuil Hall for an extra allowance in

502 addition to his salary. Referred to the Committee on Claims.
Sep. 7. 1863. Sent down for concurrence. September 28. Came up concurred.

Summer

Street
dock

Ordered: That Aldermen Peirce, Kierckhoff and Clark be a committee with full powers to take such measures as they may deem advisable under the advice of the Mayor and City Solicitor to protect the drain and other City property at the foot of Summer Street and to prevent any encroachments on the same. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 7. 1863.

Hose.

Ordered: That the Committee on Fire Department be and they are hereby authorized to purchase one thousand feet of leather hose at an expense not exceeding thirteen hundred and fifty dollars the same to be charged to the appropriation for the Fire Department. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor September 8. 1863.

Mercantile

Street.

Richmond

Street.

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to pave Mercantile Street, also Richmond Street from Mercantile to Commercial Streets was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor September 8. 1863.

Donnorum.

On petition of Cornelius Donnorum to be paid for grade damages to house 69 Middlesex Street, the Committee on Paving reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Bradlee

On petition of Nathaniel J. Bradlee and others that a certain sidewalk in Brookline Street maybe laid, the Committee on Paving reported that the matter belong

to the department of Public Lands and they recommend that 503.
the petition be referred to the Superintendent of Public Lands Sep. 7. 1863.
Read and accepted.

On petition of Robert B. Wil- Williams
liams that the surface water of Upton Street may be better
drained, the Committee on Siding reported that the subject
be referred to the Committee on Sewers. Read and accepted.

Whereas, this Board, acting as Garney
the Board of Health, are satisfied upon due examination, Place
and doth adjudge, that the rooms and tenements occupied
by Richard Burchell, Anna Cox, Margaret Donovan, Mary
Brown, William Monaghan, Dennis Collins, Elizabeth Sullivan,
Catharine O'Brien, Michael McManus, James Lambert, Tim-
othy Donovan, Jeremiah Donovan, Patrick Coughlin, Henry M.
Kenny, Bridget Crowley, Jeremiah Driscoll, and Timothy Mur-
phy, as dwelling places, in Garney Place, in said City of Bos-
ton, are severally unfit for the purpose of dwelling places, and
that they are severally a cause of nuisance and sickness
to the occupants thereof, and to the public; therefore Ordered,
That the said persons be severally notified to remove from
and quit the rooms and tenements occupied by them re-
spectively, as aforesaid, within ten days from the date hereof,
and that if they or any of them shall neglect or refuse so
to remove and quit, within ten days from the date hereof, this
Board will cause each of the said persons so neglecting or
refusing, to be removed forcibly.

Ordered, That the following Garney
notice be sent to Richard Burchell, Anna Cox, Margaret Don- Place

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cran, Mary Brown, William Monaghan, Dennis Collins, Elizabeth Sullivan, Catharine O'Brien, Michael McManus, James Lambert, Timothy Donovan, Jeremiah Donovan, Patrick Laughlin, Henry McHenry, Bridget Crowley, Jeremiah Driscoll, and Timothy Murphy, residing in Carney Place. This Board, acting as the Board of Health, are satisfied, upon due examination, and have adjudged, that the rooms or tenement occupied by you, as a dwelling place, on Carney Place, in the City of Boston, are unfit for the purpose of a dwelling place, and that they are a cause of nuisance and sickness to the occupants thereof, and to the public. You are therefore hereby notified to remove from and quit the rooms or tenement occupied by you, as aforesaid, within ten days from the date of this order; and that if you neglect or refuse so to remove and quit, this Board will cause you to be removed, forcibly if necessary.

Warren

Street

Whereas, this Board, acting as the Board of Health, are satisfied upon due examination, and doth adjudge, that the rooms and tenements occupied by Mary Hagan, Timothy Sullivan, Ellen Sullivan, Ellen Kella, John Sullivan, John Barneman, Timothy Seale, Catharine Leon, Sims Henry, Lucy Lucia, John Galvin, John Lacey, Ann Tighe, John McManus, Jo. Kulla, Hannah Conners, Daniel Cowley, William Sinn, Margaret Roddin, David W. Johnson, and Hannah Hagan, as dwelling places, in Warren Street N 106 in said City of Boston, are severally unfit for the purpose of dwelling places, and that they are severally a cause of nuisance and sickness to the occupants thereof, and to the public; therefore Ordered, That the said persons be

severally notified to remove from and quit the rooms and 505
tenements occupied by them respectively, as aforesaid, within Sep. 7. 1863.
ten days from the date hereof, and that if they or any of them
shall neglect or refuse so to remove and quit, within ten days
from the date hereof, this Board will cause each of the said
persons so neglecting or refusing, to be removed forcibly.

Ordered, That the following Warren
notice be sent to Mary Hogan, Timothy Killeher, Ellen Sullivan, Street
Ellen Crotter, John Sullivan, John Brannohan, Timothy Keefe, Cath-
arine Ann, Timothy Kenney, Lucy Lawler, John Galvin, John
Lawrey, Ann Tighe, John M. Clemens, Jos. Miller, Hannah Conners,
Daniel Crowley, William Finn, Margaret Roddin, David W.
Johnson, and Hannah Hogan, residing in Warren Street No.
106. This Board, acting as the Board of Health, are satisfied
upon due examination, and have adjudged, that the rooms or
tenement occupied by you, as a dwelling place, on Warren Street,
in the City of Boston, are unfit for the purpose of a dwelling
place, and that they are a cause of nuisance and sickness
to the occupants thereof, and to the public. You are therefore here-
by notified to remove from and quit the rooms or tenement oc-
cupied by you, as aforesaid, within ten days from the date of
this order; and that if you neglect or refuse so to remove &
quit, this Board will cause you to be removed, forcibly if nec-
essary.

Whereas it appears to this Board Washington
that a nuisance exists on premises situated next to corner Wor- Street
cester Square on Washington Street, caused by stagnant water
on said premises, belonging to John Duff, which is dangerous

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to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by constructing a good and sufficient drain at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Hathorne

Agreeably to assignment the Board took up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby on Aug. 5. leave was granted to Jacob H. Hathorne to run his omnibuses up Hancock Street. and the question being taken on said motion it was decided in the negative. Said Hathorne has permission therefore to run his omnibuses which now pass down Hancock Street back through said street.

Hathorne
Tremont Street
line

On motion of Alderman Pierce, the Board took from the table the order allowing Jacob H. Hathorne permission to establish a Tremont Street line of coaches and the question being on the passage of said order, it was rejected.

Auctioneers

Turner and Swift were licensed as Auctioneers at No 39 Federal Street, on the usual conditions.

Market.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on the Market leave was granted to Adolphus Clark to transfer his interest in Stall No 19 New Faneuil Hall Market to J. P. & J. M. Hilton.

East Boston
ferries

The consideration of the subject of East Boston ferries and the purchase of the franchise of one or more boats, which was especially assigned for today,

was laid upon the table.

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Agreeably to assignment the Sep. 7. 1863.

Board entered upon the consideration of the proposed removal of the tracks of the Middlesex Railroad Company from Tremont Row south and east of Scott's Building. Messrs Powers and Hodges appeared in behalf of the Middlesex Railroad Company and objected strenuously to the proposed measure, after hearing the testimony of sundry persons in relation thereto and the arguments of counsel, the Board voted to recommend the whole subject to the Committee on Paving.

Middlesex
Railroad

Resolved, That the safety

Lenox

and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Lenox Street should be widened, and for that purpose it is

Street.

necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Jacob St. Hathorne - bounded as follows, viz: Northeastwardly by the proposed

Hathorne

line of widening of the said street, there measuring three hundred and five feet and $\frac{7}{10}$; Northwestwardly

by land now or late of Sawyer, nine feet and $\frac{2}{10}$; Southwestwardly by the present line of the said street three

hundred and four feet; and Southeastwardly to Shawmut Avenue nine feet and $\frac{6}{10}$: containing two thousand seven

hundred and forty three square feet, and $\frac{5}{10}$, more or less.

And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose

aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be,

and the same hereby is taken and laid out as a public

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Sept. 7, 1863

That a way of the said city - according to a plan of the said widening made by A. Henry Craft, City Engineer, dated September 7th 1863 and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And that Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Henry Street, as aforesaid, will amount to two thousand dollars; which sum, together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Read once.

Henchman
Street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Henchman Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost three hundred dollars. Read once.

Henchman

Street

Ordered, That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owner and abuttor numbered 1452 Commercial Street corner of Henchman Street, and Nos. 153 & 154 Henchman Street to furnish new edge-stones to support the sidewalk, within twenty days. And that, in default thereof, the same will be done by the City, at their expense, according to law. Read once.

Ordered, That the Super- 569
intendent of Streets be authorized to repair Foster Street, and Feb. 7. 1863
make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem Foster
necessary, and remove all such projections on the line Street.
of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all
openings into said Street which are not secured in accord-
ance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are
so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and
which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due
notice to that effect. Estimated cost five hundred dollars. Read
once.

Ordered, That the Chief of Foster
Police be directed to notify the owners and abutters numbered Street.
1.4.6.3.7.2.8. on Foster Street and No 462 and 470 Commercial Street
to furnish new edge-stones to support the sidewalk, within twenty
days. And that, in default thereof, the same will be done by
the City, at their expense, according to law. Read once.

Ordered, That there be paid Noyes
to Ebenezer Noyes and Oliver M. Holmes the sum of two hun-
dred and eighty and ³⁵/₁₀₀ dollars, for land taken to open and
extend Gold Street, as per Resolve passed in the year 1862, upon
their giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquit-
tance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in
consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged
to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out
and widening streets. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

Sept. 11, 1863

At a meeting of the Board of

Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the fourteenth day of September, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Chairman, and all the Aldermen

Vote.

Petition of Ebenezer Vose & others

that the license that sewer may be extended to Ellet Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Blaney.

Petition of David N. Blaney and

others that a lane that between Bennington and Filer Streets may be graded. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Gullivan

Petition of Mary Gullivan to be

paid for damages occasioned by a change of grade in Second Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

McKay

Petition of Donald McKay and

others for a change in the grade of Bader Street at its junction with Center Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Broadway
Railroad

Memorial of the Directors of the

Broadway Railroad Company remonstrating against the petition of the Suffolk and Rochester Railway Companies for extension of location to Old Colony and Worcester Depots and suggesting a system of commutation tickets. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Foulke

Petition of Henry Foulke and others

that Second Street may be widened at its intersection with Lor.

Chester Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

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Agreeably to notice Henry Willis, and Isbrough and Portland appeared and objected to the proposed extension of Essex Street through South Street Court whereupon the subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets.

Willis

Isbrough

South Street

Court.

Petition of Thomas Cook to be compensated for damages occasioned to his property in 38 Cooper Street at the time of the recent riot in that locality. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. October 1. Came up concurred.

Cook.

Petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company to be compensated for expense of transporting recruits for Massachusetts Regiments to and from Boxford. Referred to the Committee on Volunteers. Sent down for concurrence. September 28. Came up concurred.

Boston & Maine

Railroad

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board to pay Ebenezer Noyes and Oliver M. Holmes two hundred and eighty dollars and thirty five cents for land taken to open and extend Gold Street in 1862, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor September 18. 1863.

Noyes

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to repave Foster Street was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor September 18. 1863.

Foster

Street.

Sep. 18. 1863
 State
 Street.

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Chief of Police to notify the abutter on State Street to furnish new edgestones was read a second time and passed.

Henchman
 Street

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Henchman Street was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor, September 18. 1863.

Henchman
 Street

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Chief of Police to notify the abutter on Henchman Street to furnish new edgestones for their sidewalks, was read a second time and passed.

Lenox
 Street
 Matthews

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board to widen Lenox Street by taking land of lot H. Hathorne, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 18. 1863.

East Boston
 Street

On motion of Alderman Stevens, the Board took from the table the reports and orders in relation to the purchase of the East Boston Ferry Boats, being City Document No. 49, - and the question being on the passage of the orders appended to the majority report, Alderman Alvord moved to substitute his minority report for the report and orders of the majority of the Committee. Upon this question a lengthy discussion ensued which was terminated by the adoption of a motion to postpone the further consideration of the subject to Monday next.

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Paradise

Ed. Greene

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Southward

Ordered: That the Committee

Worcester

Square

agreeably to assignment the

Breathless

Railroad

equally to assignment the

Middlesex

Railroad

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case in behalf of the Metropolitan Railroad Company. It appearing that due notice had been given of the pendency of said petition - the further consideration of the subject was assigned for Tuesday, September 22nd at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Second hand
articles

Agreeably to the reports of the Com-
missioner in Finance the following persons were appointed to
deal in Second hand Articles, viz: Jacob Burnett 66 Portland
Stad, Joseph Wood 132 1/2 Essex Stad, Benjamin Mansfield
344 Broad Stad, Leonard Hunt 107 1/2 East Liver Stad.

Woodward.

Leave was granted to D. Wood-
ward and others to exhibit a Panorama of the War at South
Hall, South Boston, for one week.

Caulerigher

Edwin Hunt was appointed
a Weigher of coal.

Intelligence
Office

Sarah W. Hunter was licensed
to keep an Intelligence Office at 23 Albany Stad, on the usual
condition.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of 515.
the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at Mechan-
ics Hall on Wednesday the sixteenth day of September Anno
Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Rice,
Spinney, Henshaw, Tyler and Stevens.

Five Traverse jurors were Jurors
drawn for the Superior Court, criminal session.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall
on Monday the twenty first day of September Anno Domi-
ni, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman
Henshaw.

Thirty-five traverse jurors Jurors
drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court.

Petitions of Joseph C. Shaw and C. Shaw
of Mary Collins' severally to be paid for damages occa-
sioned by the change of grade on Second Street. Referred Collins
to the Committee on Paving.

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Hilton

Petition of Luther Hilton for leave to lay down a six inch pipe for one hundred and fifty feet in Fifth Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Curranagh

Application of J. W. Curranagh for leave to move a wooden building through Embroke and Clement Streets to Rebury. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Wade

Petition of R. I. Wade for leave to excavate coal holes under the sidewalk at corner of Washington and Latham Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Advent

Petition of the Trustees of the Church of the Advent for leave to make a coal slide in Broadway Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Hulthorne

Petition of Jacob H. Hulthorne to be paid for land taken to widen Lancy Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Jones

Petition of Frederick Jones and others that Buckline Street may be graded &c between Shawmut Avenue and Clement Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Constables

On nomination by the Mayor the following persons were appointed and confirmed as Constables of this City viz: Francis M. Adams, William W. Blake, Samuel Bucknell, William W. Briggs, William H. Brown, Francis T. Duffin, Elias Gaulton, Gustavus Clapp, Samuel Clark, Joseph L. Colburn, Chase Cole, William P. Cook, Daniel B. Curtis, James

Curtis, Albert G. Dawes, James Devine, Patrick Devine, David, A. C. 517
 Daw, Martin L. Daw, John G. Dunbar, William E. Eastbrook, Thomas 766.21.1863
 Folger, Michael Gabriel, Ellen F. Gwy, William J. Gibbons, Walter
 A. Ham, John C. Harrington, Zachary Holmes, David J. Holman,
 Alex. Hopkins, Caleb Hux, John Huxton, Frederic J. Ingham,
 Edward J. Jones, Ring L. Ladd, John I. Lawton, John C. Lighten, Thom-
 as J. Ladd, William L. Martin, William A. Mason, Michael W.
 Maughlin, Aaron Merrill, William Munroe, John B. Neale,
 John Newell, Henry Nichol, George W. Oliver, James L. O'Sullivan,
 Daniel C. Page, David Patterson, Nathaniel A. Pennek, Isaac
 Pierce, Joseph Pierce, William F. Reed, Edwin Rice, Edward G.
 Richardson, James W. Ricker, Elijah Robinson, John C. Rob-
 inson, Henry Swier, Guy C. Underwood, Samuel F. Wallis, Silas
 Warren, William Whitwell, John Williams, John Wilson, Thomas
 P. Wilson, Charles Smith, Thomas M. Smith, J. J. Southworth, James
 C. Spear, Oliver A. Spurr, Henry C. Stollon.

On nomination by the Police
 Mayor Jacob W. Glynn and Thomas F. Jones were appointed
 Police Officers of this City with all the powers of Constables
 except the power of serving and executing civil process.

On nomination by the Mayor Boilers
 Isaac I. Hill was appointed and confirmed as a High-
 er of Boilers and Heavy Machinery within this City.

On nomination by the Mayor Special
 Police
 the following persons were appointed and confirmed as
 Special Police Officers of this City. viz: Shepard Russell and
 Robert Channell for duty at Old Colony and Newport Rail-

way, Joseph Tuckerman for duty at the Sanitary Lodge in
 Church Street.

Bradman

Petition of William A. Bradman.

that the sewer in the northerly half of Half-Moon Place may
 be lowered and repaired. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

McNutt

Petition of J. J. McNutt and others.

that Malden Street may be graded. Referred to the Committee
 on Paving.

Ridgway
 Lane

Ordered, That due notice be
 given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock,
 P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing
 a Common Sewer in Ridgway Lane, and of assessing the
 expense thereof on all persons, who may enter their particular
 Drains into such Common Sewer, & who, by any more remote
 means, shall receive any benefit thereby: Any person, making
 objections thereto, will then and there be heard.

Carver

Street.

Ordered, That due notice be
 given that this Board will, on Monday next at four o'clock,
 P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a
 common Sewer in Carver Street between Boylston and Eliot
 Streets, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons, who
 may enter their particular Drains into such Common Sewer,
 or who, by any more remote means, shall receive any benefit
 thereby: Any person, making objections thereto, will then and
 there be heard.

Raw's

Wharf

Petition of Raw's Wharf Corpora-

tion that the nuisance occasioned by the filling up of their

dock from the sewer may be diverted. Referred to the committee 519.
on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. September 28. Came up concurred. Sep. 21. 1863

Petition of P. L. Overall for leave to purchase the lot of land reserved by the City on Northampton Street near Washington Street. Referred to the Board of Land Commissioners. Sent down for concurrence. September 28. Came up concurred. Overall

Petition of Benjamin Wheeler's heirs that the City would purchase their beaches in the town of Winthrop for protection of the Harbor. Referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. September 28. Came up concurred. Wheeler

The Committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen to confer with a similar Committee of the Common Council respecting the differences between the two branches on the subject of the Salary Bill, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to Report that the Committees have agreed to recommend to their respective branches the following action, viz: That the Common Council recede from its amendment to Section 17, raising the pay of Policemen to \$2.25 per day. That the Common Council recede from its amendments to Sects. 24, 30 and 31, raising the salaries of the Superintendents of Federal Street Bridge, Dorset Street Bridge and Meridian Street Bridge, respectively to \$1400.00 - \$1000.00, and \$600.00. That the Board of Aldermen concur with the Common Council in their amendment to Sect. 34, raising the salaries of Foremen of the Hook and Ladder Companies to \$175.00 each; the salaries of the Assistant Fore-

320 men, black, white, and Axemen of the Hook and Ladder
Sep 21 1865 Companies, and of the Stewards of Hook and Ladder Companies
No 1 and 2, \$450.00 per year; and the salaries of the members
of the Hook & Ladder Companies to \$125.00 per year. That the Com-
mon Council recede from its amendment to the same section
raising the salaries of the Engine-men of the Steam Fire Engines
to twenty dollars per month, and the salaries of the Firemen
and Drivers to fifty dollars per month. That both branches
recede from their action on Section 35, and that the salary
of the Superintendent of the Lunatic Hospital be fixed at
\$1000.00 per annum. Respectfully submitted, for the Commit-
tee, Thomas C. May, Jr Chairman. Read and accepted, and
the Salary Bill having been taken up, the Board ad-
hered to its former vote on Sections 17, 29, 30 and 31, and so
much of Section 34 as relates to the salaries of the Engine-
men, Firemen and Drivers of the Steam Fire Engines: and
concurred with the Common Council in their proposed amend-
ments to so much of Section 34 as relates to the salaries of
the Firemen Assistant Firemen, black, white, and Axemen
of the Hook and Ladder Companies and also of the Stewards
of Hook and Ladder Companies No 1 and 2, and the members
of the Hook and Ladder Companies. The Board also receded
from its former vote on Section No 35 and fixed the salary of
the Superintendent of the Lunatic Hospital at \$1000 per an-
num. Sent down for concurrence.

Hook & Ladder
Co No 2

Petition of the Hook and Ladder
Company No 2 for an increase of company. Read and refer-
red to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Agreeably to assignment. 521.

the Board took up the subject of the proposed location of the Broadway Railroad in Rochester, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Street but with the consent of all parties interested its further consideration was assigned for Monday next at four and a half o'clock, P.M.

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Broadway
Railroad

Agreeably to notice the Board took up the petition of the Broadway Rail Road Company for leave to extend their location by a track in Rochester Street to Goddard Street, thence in Goddard, to Seventh and Tenth Street to Rochester Avenue - and it appearing to the Board that due notice had been given of the pendency of said petition James M. Stone appeared for the Broadway Railroad, J. W. Biles for H. J. Haw and others who favor a location for the Metropolitan Railroad there and E. H. Derby appeared for the Metropolitan Railroad to oppose said petition of the Broadway Railroad. By consent of the above parties the further consideration of the subject was assigned for Monday next at four and a half o'clock, P.M.

Broadway
Railroad

Agreeably to notice the Board took up the subject of the petition of the Metropolitan Rail Road Company for an extension of their tracks over Lower Street Bridge and into certain street of Ward 12 and it appearing that due notice had been given of the pendency of said petition E. H. Derby appeared for the Metropolitan Railroad Company - J. W. Biles for H. J. Haw and others in aid of said petition, and James M. Stone in behalf of the Broadway Railroad Company remonstrated against the same. By consent of all

Metropolitan
Railroad

On motion of Alderman Clark, 523

the Board took from the table the report and order in relation Sept. 21. 1863
to the abatement of a nuisance on Beacon and Charles Streets. Beacon
and the question being on the adoption of the preamble and Glad
order in relation thereto, as recorded on page 438. Alderman nuisance
Clark moved to amend the same by substituting therein the
following Preamble and order: "Whereas in the opinion of
this Board a serious nuisance exists on the flat west of
Charles Street and between Pindney and Mount Vernon
Streets and the Mill Dam, which is very offensive to that
neighborhood, and dangerous to the health of the inhabitants,
it is hereby Ordered: That notice be given to said L. Gorman
and all other parties interested in the flat aforesaid that they
be required to abate said nuisance within two months from
this date to the satisfaction of this Board and of the Superin-
tendent of Health: The motion to substitute prevailed and the
order was adopted.

Agreeably to assignment
the Board took up the subject of the purchase of the East
Boston Series as presented in City Document No. 19. and the
question being on the substitution of the Minority Report for
the report and orders of the Majority of said Committee, a
lengthy discussion ensued thereon and the Yeas and Nays
being demanded on said motion they were taken as fol-
lows: Yeas: Aldermen Clark, Marsh, Norcross, Paul, Spinney, Stan-
dick, & Noyes. Aldermen Incey, Lonic, Pease, Stevens, Tyler & Ab-
sent, Alderman Henshaw. To said motion to substitute the mi-
nority report for the majority report and order prevailed and
said report was then accepted. Alderman Stevens moved to

East Boston
Series

524 according to the vote whereby said report was accepted, and the
Sept 21/1883 question being upon said reconsideration, it was assigned
for Monday Oct. 5. at four and a half o'clock, P.M.

Ennemoor
Bullock
Hilly
Hiller
Hymen

On the several petitions of
George H. Ennemoor to be compensated for damages occasioned
by want of proper drainage in Irving Street of Howard Parker
for abatement of assessment for sewer in Hamilton Street
of Bullock Hilly for abatement of assessment for sewer in Ham-
ilton Street of Hyster & Co for a drain through Eastern Avenue
of Lewis Hymen that obstructions be removed from the West
Castle Street sewer, the Committee on Sewers reported that
the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Mass. Char.
Mech. Assn.

Leave was granted to the Mas-
sachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association to hold their festi-
val in Faneuil Hall on October fourteenth.

Temple

Leave was granted to William
C. Temple to give concerts at the Tremont Temple on Septem-
ber 22, and 24, on the usual conditions.

William

The Committee on Sewers to whom
was referred the petition of Robert B. Williams that the surface
water in Upton Street may be better drained reported that the
subject be laid upon the table. Read and accepted.

Super
Street

Resolved, that the safety and
convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Super

Street should be extended, and for that purpose it is necessary 525

to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said city, Sep. 21. 1863

a parcel of land belonging to A. L. and M. J. Graham, bounded as Graham

follows, viz: Northwestwardly by the Northwestwardly line of the proposed extension there measuring seventy six feet and $\frac{1}{10}$; Northwardly by the present line of termination of Napier Street, fourteen feet and $\frac{6}{10}$; Eastwardly by land hereinafter described as taken from the trustees of the estate of Henry Farnham and from John M^c Donough thirty six feet and $\frac{7}{10}$; Southeastwardly by the Southeastwardly line of the proposed extension, thirty seven feet and $\frac{3}{10}$, and Southwardly by Milton Street twenty three feet and $\frac{5}{10}$: containing fifteen hundred and seventy square feet, more or less. And a parcel of land belonging to

the estate of Henry Farnham, bounded as follows, viz: Southeastwardly by the Southeastwardly line of the proposed extension, there measuring twenty one feet and $\frac{6}{10}$; Northeastwardly by the present line of termination of said Napier Street eight feet and $\frac{1}{10}$; Southwestwardly by land above described as taken from A. L. and M. J. Graham, twenty two feet and Southwestwardly by land hereinafter described as taken from J. M^c Donough, three feet and $\frac{1}{10}$: Containing one hundred and thirty square feet, more or less. And a parcel of land belonging to

John M^c Donough, bounded as follows, viz: Southeastwardly by the Southeastwardly line of the proposed extension, there measuring fourteen feet and $\frac{9}{10}$; Northeastwardly by land above described as taken from the trustees of the estate of Henry Farnham, three feet and $\frac{1}{10}$, and Northwestwardly by land above described as taken from A. L. and M. J. Graham, fourteen feet and $\frac{4}{10}$: Containing twenty five square feet, more or less. And there is

Farnham.

Sept. 21. 1863

the notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcels of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed. It is therefore Ordered, That the parcels of land before described be, and the same hereby are, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said extension made by S. Henry Craft, City Engineer, dated August 10th 1863, and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of the said extension of Nypin Street, as aforesaid, will amount to ten thousand dollars; which sum, together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.
Read once.

Fourth
Street

Whereas, it appears to this Board that a necessity exists for the construction of a sewer, in Fourth Street, east of G Street, and that public notice of such intention has been given, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby directed to construct a common sewer in said Fourth Street, and to report a schedule of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read once.

Shuckell

Ordered, That there be paid to A. Z. Shuckell the sum of five hundred dollars, for damage and loss of materials sustained by him by reason of cutting off the building on the Coolidge Estate, located, on Union Street, upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damage, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliqui-

dated claims for laying out and widening street. Read once. 527.

Sep. 21. 1863

Ordered, That there be paid Tidd

to the heirs or devisees of Jacob Tidd the sum of twenty seven hundred dollars, for land taken to widen Sulbury Street, in the year 1862, and also for any and all of their interest in the land lying between the land taken as aforesaid and the former line of said Street; upon their giving to the city a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening street. Read once

Ordered, That there be paid Allen

to Teresa A. Allen the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, for land taken to widen Leicester Street, in the year 1862, and for any injury by her sustained by reason of removing the building so as to conform to the widening, upon her giving to the city a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening street. Read once.

Adjourned to Tuesday morning at ten o'clock A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Tuesday the twenty second day of September, Anno Domini 1863.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Spinney, Anshelm, Denio, and Tyler and Paul.

Middlesex
Railroad

Agreeably to assignment the Board took up the subject of the petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company, for leave to construct a curve track in Cambridge Street to connect it Warren Bridge track with the Suffolk Railroad track. John H. Blake, and G. C. Powers appeared for the Middlesex Railroad Company; and C. A. Derby in behalf of the Metropolitan Railroad Company remonstrated against the prayer of said petition. After hearing testimony upon the subject in question and the arguments of the respective counsel the Board adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the twenty eighth day of September, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor, and all the Aldermen except Alderman Stuart.

Juries

Thirty one traverse juries drawn for the Superior Criminal Court - thirty two traverse juries for the first Session of the Superior Court - and thirty one

traverse jurors for the Second Session of the Superior Court.

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Petition of Rep. Loherty that the assessment upon his estate for construction of a sewer in Unity Court to remove a nuisance, may be abated. Referred to the Committee on Internal Affairs.

Loherty.

Petition of Luther Blodgett, Attorney, for leave to occupy a portion of Boylston and Washington Streets, while repairs are in progress on abutting estate. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Blodgett.

Petition of James Grant to be compensated for injuries sustained by a fall from a tree on the Common. Referred to the Committee on the Common.

Grant.

Petition of Louis Gault for approval of Amory occupied by his corps at corner of Cambridge and North Grove Street. Referred to the Committee on Amories.

Gault.

Petition of Frederick H. Flynn to be paid for land taken to widen Rochester Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Flynn.

Petitions of Margaret McGauley to be paid for damages sustained by change of grade on Second Street and of Patrick Kane for the same. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

McGauley.
Kane

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, the discharges of the following persons were approved by the Board.

Fire
Department.

See Engine No 2. C. W. Cheney; Engine No. 3. Stephen L. George; Hose No. 1. John C. Sullivan, William W. Harts; Hook and Ladder No 2. Henry Hutchins.

The Fire Department of the City. Agreeably to the recommendations of the Mayor the admissions of the following persons into the Fire Department, were approved by the Board; Engine No 2. Nathaniel C. Smith. Hose 4. Bailey W. Hubbs, Charles T. Colburn. Hook and Ladder No 1. Pincus Collier, James H. Clark. Hose No 3. C. W. Young.

Constables. On nomination by the Mayor, Isaac Norsey, William Andrews and John W. Rose were appointed and confirmed as constables of this City.

Second Street. Whereas, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Second Street, at the corner of Lancaster Street, should be widened, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to Melzer Nelson that this Board intend to widen the Street before mentioned, by taking a portion of his land and laying out the same as a public Street and that Monday, the fifth day of October next at four o'clock, P. M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Middletown Railroad. Ordered, That the papers in relation to the construction of a curve track in Causeway Street by the Middletown Railroad Company, be taken from the files & be recommended to the Committee on Paving.

Ordered: That the Commit- 531.

tee on Licenses consider the expediency of petitioning the Legislature Sep. 28. 1863
for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale of liquor by license

Communication from His Honor the Mayor. To the City Council of the City of Boston, Gentlemen: At the late session of the Massachusetts Legislature an act was passed to provide for the reimbursement of bounties paid to Volunteers under the call of the President in July and August 1862, and to apportion and assess a tax therefor. The amount to be reimbursed was, by the terms of the act, not to exceed one hundred dollars for each volunteer, and not in any case to exceed the amount actually paid by the City. Before the first of July a return was made by the City Treasurer to the Governor of the Commonwealth, giving the names of the volunteers to whom bounties were paid by the City of Boston, and the amount paid to each. By that statement it appeared that 5647 men were furnished for three years and nine months service, who received bounties amounting in the aggregate to \$564,700. While this City has something less than one sixth of the population of the State it pays nearly one third of the taxes, and the apportionment of a tax, therefore, to meet this reimbursement to the several cities and towns bears very heavily upon Boston. As the bounty paid to each volunteer was not less than one hundred dollars the amount to be reimbursed is \$564,700, and the amount of the State tax \$1,077,726.41. leaving a difference payable to the State of \$513,026.41. The Assessors have been notified in the usual form, by the State Treasurer, of this extra tax, and as it is necessary for the City Council to decide before the first

Bounties
has
assumed

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of October, in what way it shall be met, I have taken the
earliest opportunity of bringing the subject to your attention.
Had the application been made before the Assessors fixed
the rate of taxation this extra amount might have been in-
cluded this year. But it is the only proper course seems to me
to be, for the City to elect by a vote, under the provisions of the
act, to pay the difference on account of the excess of the tax over
the reimbursement, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow, un-
der the direction of the Committee on Finance the amount
necessary for the purpose. I enclose a communication from the
Chairman of the Assessors in relation to the subject. W. Lincoln,
Jr. Mayor, Read, and thereupon Alderman Amey submitted to
the Board the following Preamble, resolve and order. - Whereas,
a balance exists against the City of Boston on account of the
State tax for the reimbursement of bounties, under the Act of
the Legislature of 1863, Chapter 218, and the City Council is
called upon to elect by a vote the manner in which said
balance shall be adjusted, it is Resolved, that the City Coun-
cil do hereby elect to pay said balance, in accordance with
the provisions of the ninth section of Chapter 218 of the Acts of
1863. Ordered: That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby au-
thorized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on
Finance a sum not exceeding five hundred and fourteen
thousand dollars, to pay the difference on account of the ex-
cess of the charges over the credits to the City of Boston, in the
reimbursement of bounties by the State. Read twice and
passed. Yeas Aldermen Amey, Clark, Linn, Henshaw, Marsh,
Norcross, Price, Paul, Hamilton, Spinney, Tyler. 11 Nays none.
Sent down for concurrence Came up concurred. Yeas 33 Nays,

Loan

none. Approved by the Mayor, September 29. 1863.

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A communication signed

Upton.

by George B. Upton and other merchants suggesting the propriety of inviting the Russian fleet now at New York to visit Boston was read and thereupon it was Resolved; Upon the suggestion of the Hon. George B. Upton and other citizens, that His Honor the Mayor be requested to invite Rear Admiral Lazavsky commanding the Russian fleet now at New York to visit Boston with his squadron, that the hospitalities of the City may be extended to himself and his officers. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Sep. 29. 1863.

Russian
fleet.

Ordered: That the Joint Special

Volunteers

Committee on Volunteers be authorized, under the direction of His Honor the Mayor, to adjust such bills rendered against the City of Boston by Railroad Corporations, for the transportation of troops on the pass of the Mayor, in 1862, as they may judge proper and expedient, and charge the same to the appropriation for War Expenses. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor October 2. 1863.

bills for
transportation

Ordered: That Frederic W.

Cross

Tracy, the City Treasurer, be and he is hereby authorized and directed for and in the name of the City of Boston to enter upon & take possession of the Real Estate situated on Cross Street in said Boston, which is described in the deed of mortgage made by Ruth Billings, then Belling, his wife, in her right, to the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and recorded in the Regis-

that
foreclosure

Billing's

534 by of Seal in the County of Suffolk, 5th 52nd 1861, and
of 28 1861 which was duly assigned by said Massachusetts Hospital
Life Insurance Company to the City of Boston by an assign-
ment dated December 20. 1862; and that said possession be so
taken, in a breach of the condition of said deed of mortgage,
and for the purpose of fracturing the right to redeem the same.
Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Came up
concurred. Approved by the Mayor October 3. 1863

Meridian
Street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent
of Streets be authorized to repair Meridian Street between Lon-
don and Paris Streets, in conformity with the established grade,
and remove all such projections on the line of said Street
as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into
said Street not secured in accordance with the Ordinances
of the City, and those which are so much out of re-
pair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the
owner or occupants have refused to repair after due notice
to that effect. Estimated cost four hundred dollars. Read twice
and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 5. 1863

Haskell

The order submitted to the Board
on the twenty first instant to pay A. L. Haskell five hun-
dred dollars for damages sustained from the widening of
Union Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved
by the Mayor October 5 1863

Fourth
Street.

The order submitted to the
Board on September 21st for the Superintendent of Sewers to
construct a sewer in Fourth Street east of G Street was read.

a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor, September 28. 1863.

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The resolve and order submitted to the Board on the 21st instant to extend Napier Street through land of W. A. and H. F. Gorman, J. M. Donough and the Trustees of Henry Farnum's estate, were read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 5. 1863.

Napier
Street

The order submitted to the Board on the 21st instant to pay Jesse A. Allen two hundred and fifty dollars for land taken to widen Dorchester Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor September 28. 1863.

Allen

Ordered: That there be paid to J. H. Flynn the sum of One thousand dollars, for land taken to widen Dorchester Street, upon his giving to the City a Deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge in full for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening streets. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor September 30. 1863.

Flynn

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grant a permit to Luther Selton to lay down a six inch iron pipe in Fifth Street a distance of about one hundred and fifty feet for the purpose of conducting water from a well on said Selton's premises to a reservoir partly in Fifth Street and partly on said Selton's premises, upon said Selton's giving the City a bond to remove said pipe whenever directed so to do by the Board of Aldermen or

Selton

536 the Superintendent of Street and to repair any and all
Sept. 28. 1863 damages caused by any leaks which may occur from said pipe.
Read twice and passed. - Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 28. 1863.

Bowers

The Committee on Internal
Sanitary to whom was referred the petition of George Bowers for
abatement of assessment on Bremen Street, report that they
have attended to the duty assigned them, and after a careful
inquiry as regards ownership of lot in question, are of opinion
that an abatement of one third of the amount of bill rendered
\$72.00, or \$24.00, being one third of the amount, should be made,
the said Bowers at the time owning two thirds, and the balance
of one third belonging to owner or owners unknown. For the Com-
mittee, H. H. Clark, Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer
be and he hereby is authorized to abate from the assessment
made upon George Bowers for removing a nuisance in Bre-
men Street, the sum of twenty four dollars and fifty cents. Read
twice and the order passed. - Approved by the Mayor, Sep. 28.
1863.

Jail

Ordered: That the Committee on
the Jail be and they are hereby authorized to make six new
window frames and sashes for the north wing of the Jail to re-
pair the cupola and to slate the roof of the east wing of said
building at a cost not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars: &
this Board doth adjudge that said expense together with other
expenditures on said Jail during the present Municipal Year
does not exceed the sum of Five Thousand Dollars. Read twice
and passed. - Approved by the Mayor September 28. 1863.

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West

Ridgway
L. D.
June

constant
funds

Worcester
Essex

538 with L. M. Standish, Chairman. Read and accepted.

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Coal Holes

Wade.

Emerson.

Advent

On the several petitions of the Parish of the Advent for leave to construct Coal Holes under the sidewalk of Bowdoin Street of R. S. Wade for a similar privilege in Washington Street and Dedham Street and of R. B. Emerson for a similar privilege at No. 3 Park Street, the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted if the respective owners of the premises will give a Bond to comply with all regulations which the Board may adopt in relation to Coal Holes. Read and accepted.

Market

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on the Market the transfer of Stall No. 23 New Southwell Hall Market from J. P. and R. B. Hubbard to Abram T. English was approved by the Board.

Leave

Leave was granted to Professor Love to exhibit ventriloquial exercises at the New Faneuil Theatre.

Broadway

Railroad

Metropolitan

Railroad

Agreeably to assignment the Board took up the subject of the proposed extension of locations of the Broadway Railroad Company through Leicester, Eighth, Hand and South Streets also of the Broadway Railroad Company for an extension of location to and through Washington Village. Also of the Metropolitan Rail Road Company over Lever Street Bridge into the streets of Ward 12 as set forth in their petitions. George C. Shattuck, William Brigham and Percy W. Chandler, Esquires appeared for the Broadway Rail Road Company Benjamin Dean for the citizens of South Boston in aid of the petition of the Broadway Railroad Company.

Selman Willey, J. H. Dute, appeared for the citizens of New York
and others who gave the petition of the Metropolitan Railroad
Company. and C. M. Dute, appeared for the Metropolitan Railroad
Company. The hearing having been opened by Mr. Mitchell
on behalf of the Broadway Railroad Company and testimony
introduced the further consideration of the Subject was postponed
to Thursday next at six o'clock P.M.

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Ordered, That the Superintendent
of Streets be authorized to repair Salutation Street and make
such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem
necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said
Street as he shall deem dangerous, also to close all openings
into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with
the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out
of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the
owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to
that effect. Estimated cost four hundred dollars Read once.

Salutation
Street.

Ordered: That the Committee
on Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to sell
at public or private sale the old wooden building on Northamp-
ton Street, formerly used as a Fire House the proceeds thereof to
be paid into the City Treasury. Read once.

Fire
House

Ordered: That there be paid
to Smith Gerrish, tenant of J. H. and J. H. Hunneman the sum of
five hundred dollars, for damages caused by widening Union
Street, upon his giving to the City an acquittance and dis-
charge in full for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence

Gerrish

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Ap. 28. 1865 of said widening; and that the same be charged to the ap-
propriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widen-
ing streets. Read once.

East Boston
Ferry

Night Boat.

Ordered: That the Committee
on the subject of East Boston Ferry, &c. and they are hereby
empowered and authorized for and in behalf of the City to
make an arrangement with one of the ferry companies, to run
a boat to and from East Boston, as often as once an hour each
way, between the hours of eleven P.M. and five A.M. from the
first of October to the first of April next ensuing. The expense
thereof to be charged to Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous
Claims. Read once.

Coal Holes

Rules for

The Committee on Paving, to
whom was referred the order of the Board of Aldermen in
relation to regulations for excavations under sidewalks would
respectfully report the accompanying rules and regulations. For
the Committee, L. Miles Standish, Chairman. Rules and Regula-
tions in relation to the construction of coal holes, vaults, &c. under
the sidewalks. The Superintendent of Streets is hereby autho-
rized to issue permits for the purpose of making excavations or
apertures in any street, or under the sidewalks thereof as re-
quired by the ordinance in relation to streets, passed April 28
1863, upon the following conditions and regulations, viz: I.
All coal holes or vaults of any description that may here-
after be made under the sidewalks in the City of Boston, shall
be constructed as follows: The outer wall next to the carriage-
way or road-way shall be formed of heavy granite, of not less
than two and one half feet in thickness, which shall be laid
with good cement; and no part thereof shall project more than

six inches beyond the edge stone. The sides of such vaults shall
 be at least one foot thick, and be composed of good hard bricks
 a granite blocks laid in cement mortar. The top of the coal
 hole or vault shall be formed either by a brick arch or arches,
 turned over said coal-hole or vault in a good and substan-
 tial manner, or by covering said coal-hole or vault with
 rough hammered granite, at least one foot thick, or Blue
 Stone, or North River flag-stone, at least six inches thick, or
 iron and glass, or rough surface iron, similar in character
 to the "Hyatt Light," as it is called. Each coal-hole or vault
 thus constructed shall not exceed eleven feet in depth, meas-
 uring from the top of the sidewalk. The aperture in the side-
 walk over said coal-hole or vault shall be covered with
 a substantial iron plate, with a rough surface, to prevent
 accidents. The entire construction of said coal-hole or vault
 shall be subject to the directions and supervision of the
 supervision of the Superintendent of Streets, or such other per-
 son as the Board of Aldermen may designate. Coal slides
 are permitted to be placed in the sidewalks and shall be
 constructed of at least eight inch brick walls laid in good
 cement mortar and the hole to be covered as before mentioned
 in this first rule. II. The owner of the abutting estate in front of
 which the coal-hole or vault is thus permitted to be construc-
 ted shall be held responsible to the City for any and all dam-
 ages to persons or vehicles in consequence of any defect in
 the construction of such vault or coal-hole, or in allowing the
 same or any portion thereof to remain out of repair; and such
 owner shall be required to keep the said vault or coal-hole,
 its walls and coverings, in good order at all times. III. The

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occupant of any estate abutting on such a vault or coal hole shall be held responsible to the City for any and all damages occasioned to persons or vehicles in consequence of the aperture in the sidewalk being left exposed and uncovered, or from the covering thereof being left insecure or unfastened; and said occupant shall be required to keep such coal hole or vault open in good order, and safe for public travel on the same. IV. No boiler, steam-shaft, furnace, or steam-pipe shall be constructed or located for use under any sidewalk in this City, nor shall any explosive substance or inflammable oil be stored under the same. V. Any excavation under the sidewalk, whether licensed or not, shall be closed and filled up at the owner's expense, after one week's notice to that effect given by the Board of Aldermen; and if the City shall thus cause any coal-hole or vault which was or may be licensed under these regulations to be so discontinued and filled up, within five years from the date of the permit issued therefor, two thirds of the license fee hereinafter prescribed shall be returned to the owner of the estate for the time being; and if more than five years have so elapsed before the said coal-hole or vault is so discontinued, one third of said license shall be returned as aforesaid; provided that no portion of said license shall be returned after the lapse of ten years from the date of such permit; and provided, further, that this regulation shall not apply to cases where land is taken from any estate to widen a street. VI. The fees to be paid by parties who desire to construct coal holes or vaults as herein provided shall be as follows: For use of buildings, when occupied exclusively as dwellings, twenty cents per superficial ft. When occupied in part for business purposes,

thirty five cents per superficial foot. When occupied for business purposes only, fifty cents per superficial foot. The payments shall be made to the Superintendent of Streets, upon delivery of the permit, and he shall account quarterly to the City Treasurer therefor. VII. Whenever a coal-hole, vault, or aperture in any sidewalk shall not be covered or secured as provided in condition I, or shall in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen be unsafe or inconvenient for the public travel, said Board may order the same to be removed, and a suitable one put in its place; and if the same shall not be done within ten days from the service of said order on the owner or tenant of the premises, or other person having the care thereof, the Superintendent of Streets shall make such change, and the expense thereof shall be paid by such owner, tenant or other person having the care of the premises; and no person shall leave such coal-hole, excavation, or aperture open or unfenced after sunset, nor in the day time, unless while in use by some person or persons actually attending the same. VIII. Every application for a permit shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant, and shall set forth the dimensions of the proposed excavation or aperture, and the purpose for which it is to be used; and such excavation or aperture shall not be used for any other purpose than that stated in the application, without the consent of the Committee on Paving and Superintendent of Streets; and such permit may at any time be revoked by the Board of Aldermen. Every applicant shall be required to sign an agreement to conform, on his part, to all the provisions and requirements of the foregoing conditions. Said conditions shall be printed upon each permit which is issued, and any violation of the same shall work a forfeiture of the

544 privilege thus granted, and the Board of Aldermen will
cause said privilege to be revoked accordingly. IX. The Chief of
Police is hereby directed to prosecute all persons who shall
or do start any pedicab in this City, without having a
permit for that purpose as provided in the ordinance relating
to street, passed April 28. 1863. Read once.

Adjourned to Thursday next at six o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics
Hall on Thursday the first day of October, Anno Domini, 1863
Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Stevens,
Henshaw, Pierce and Tyler.

Friend
Street

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be di-
rected to remove from the street opposite the Coolidge Estate on
Friend Street the pile of bricks and other obstructions now there.

Broadway
& Metropolitan
Railroads

Agreeably to assignment the Board
resumed the consideration of the petitions of the Broadway &
Metropolitan Railroads for further location in Ward No. 12, and
after listening to the testimony on behalf of the Metropolitan
Rail Road Company, the Board voted to postpone the further con-
sideration of the subject to Monday next at seven o'clock, P.M.
Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board 5/15.

of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall
on Monday the fifth day of October, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Rice
and Spinney.

San Grand and Five Petit Jurors.

Jurors drawn for the United States Circuit Court.

Petition of the Boston Gas Boston

Light Company for leave to raise the grade of the sidewalk Gas Light Co
on the westerly side of the Worcester Railroad Bridge in Ham-
ont Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving

Petition of Patrick Kane to be Kane

compensated for damages occasioned to his estate by change
of grade on Second Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Richard Williams Williams

to be compensated for damages occasioned to his estate by
reason of change of grade on Second Street. Referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Petition of Union Sugar Re- Union Sugar

finery and others that Bulley March Street may be repaired Refinery
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of J. H. Stephenson and Stephenson

others that Boylston Street from Arlington to Berkeley Street may
be accepted. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

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Jones

Bates

Chamberlin

Ryan

Carlwright

Young

Sealer of
Weights and Measures

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Petition of Anna P. Jones that
a nuisance to pedestrians caused by a twisting apparatus
in State Street near 8th Street, may be removed.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of George Bates that
Highway Lane may be better lighted. Referred to the Committee
on Lamps.

Petition of David Chamberlin
and others that the plank sidewalk in State Street between
Oak and Harvard Streets may be repaired. Referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Petition of Edward Ryan and
others that Purchase Street from Belmont to Paul Street may
be paved. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of C. W. Carlwright and
others that the surface water near 1032 Washington Street
may be carried off by a drain or otherwise. Referred to the
Committee on Paving.

Petition of William H. Young for
leave to give exhibitions of Magic at East and South Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

L. J. B. Moulton, Sealer of
Weights and Measures reported that during the quarter ending
September 30, 1863, he had received and paid into the City Treas-
ury three hundred and fifty dollars and eighty two cents. Read
and placed on file.

John D. Carlogan, Sealer
of Weights and Measures reported that during the quarter

ending September 30 he had received and paid into the City Treasury the sum of three hundred and twenty four dollars and thirty eight cents. Read and placed on file.

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The Board of Directors for Public Institutions reported that for the quarter ending September 30, their expenditures amounted to forty five thousand three hundred and twenty nine dollars and fourteen cents. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Institutions

The Superintendent of Public Lands submitted to the Board the sales of land by the Board of Public Land Commissioners for the quarter ending September 30. Read and laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

The Superintendent of

Lands

The Port Physician reported that during the quarter ending September 30 he had landed under the Quarantine regulations five Steamers, nine ships, fifty five Barques, thirty eight Barks twenty two Schooners & that he had received and paid into the City Treasury the sum of six hundred and ninety seven dollars. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Port
Physician

The Superintendent of Streets submitted to the Board his report for the quarter ending September 30, 1863 of the expenditures and receipts in the Paving Department. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The Superintendent of Streets

Streets

The Superintendent of Health submitted to the Board his report of the receipts and expenditures in the Health Department, for the quarter ending September

Health

548. 30. 1863. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on
Oct. 5. 1863. file.

Ballast

The Inspector in Chief of Ballast
reported that for the quarter ending September 30. 1863. the In-
spector had received the sum of four hundred and eighty eight
dollars and four cents, which, less expense of twenty dollars &
thirty four cents had been divided among them. Read and
sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

City

Physician

The City Physician reported the
doings of his office during the quarter ending September 30. 1863.
Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Soldiers Family

Relief

A report was received from the
Soldiers Family Relief Committee of the amount expended for
State Aid to Soldiers Families during the quarter ending Septem-
ber 30. 1863. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Annouces

The Auditor submitted a sched-
ule of Annouces leased by the City in 1863. To the Hon. Board of
Aldermen of the City of Boston. Auditor's Office, 5. Oct. 1863. Gentlemen
the following Schedule exhibits the list of Annouces occupied by
the Volunteer Militia of this City and the amount allowed
as rent therefor per annum. Very Respectfully, Elisha Copeland,
(Auditor of Accounts). Cadets 94 Sumner Street \$300. Lancers, 71
Endbury Street \$100. Dragoons Bowdoin Hall \$100. Seventh Bullow,
Cooper Street Building, six months, \$300. Read and placed on file.

Constables

The Bonds of the following Con-
stables having been already approved by the City Treasurer were
approved by this Board, viz: William Andrews, William W. Blake, Fran-

cis V. Bulfinch, Samuel Brackett, Elias Carlton, William P. Cook, 544.
 Daniel B. Curtis, James Curtis, Albert G. Lunt, William A. Carterbrook, Oct. 5/63
 William J. Gibbons, Thomas Folger, Allen F. Gay, Luther A. Ham, A.
 lexander Hopkins, Leabert Howe, Jr. Henry L. Ladd, John I. Lunt, Jr.,
 William L. Martin, Aaron Merrill, Henry Nichols, George W. Oliver,
 Daniel C. Page, Joseph Pierce, James W. Ricker, Edwin Rice, John W.
 Rose, Thomas P. Wilson, Isaac Morley. Said Bonds were also appar-
 ed by the Mayor October 5. 1863.

No person appearing to object Second
 to the proposed widening of Second Street by taking land of Alit- That
 zar Nelson, said subject was committed to the Committee on
 Streets.

A communication was received Chapman
 from the Chapman School District Committee stating that School
 a new Grammar School in that district is imperatively de-
 manded. Referred to the Committee on Public Instruction. Sent
 down for concurrence. Oct. 2. Same approved.

The Committee on the Common Common
 and Public Squares, reported as per City Doc. 85 that when the
 Committee made their estimate of the amount of money re-
 quired for their Department for the current year, the Common,
 Garden, and Squares were under a contract, which expired on
 the 30th of April, 1863. It was as the Committee were in posses-
 sion, they engaged Mr. Lyman Lavenport as Superintendent, at
 a salary of one thousand dollars per annum. Upon an exam-
 ination, they found that the work to be done far exceeded their ex-
 pectations. After stating in detail the result of their labors thus
 far, which have been accomplished at the expenditure of \$12.
 499.09 (the appropriation being \$1500). The enclosure and house

350 upon the Common for the security of the deer and the fountain in Worcester Square will require more than the balance to meet the expense. After reciting the items of proposed work which will be necessary amounting to \$7450. the Committee ask for an additional appropriation of \$7500. Read and referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. October 8. Came up concurred.

Russian
Hotel

Ordered: That a Committee of this Board to be joined from the Common Council be appointed with full powers to make all suitable arrangements for the reception and entertainment of Admiral Gorbaski and the officers of the Russian Squadron under his command on its arrival in this port. the expense to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses &c. Read twice and passed and Aldermen Tyler, Amory and Henshaw were appointed on said Committee. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 8. Came up concurred. The Resident and Messrs. Hall, Luke, Buckley, Barnes & Sears were joined. Forward by Mayor. Oct. 9. 1863

Gordon

Petition of J. and Geo. F. Gordon to be compensated for damages sustained to their property by reason of the vendict riot on July 14th last. In Common Council. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Bills
to be paid

Ordered: That the following bills for services rendered or materials furnished by persons connected directly or indirectly with the City Government, be paid, provided they are approved and allowed in the usual manner, viz: Nathaniel Adams, two dollars and ninety three cents; Brown and Southland, ninety dollars. W. J. Bird, one hundred & eighty dollars and ninety one cents, twenty nine dollars and fifty six

cents, eleven dollars and seventy cents. Sumner forty five 351
hundred and fifty five dollars and thirty two cents. Fisher Oct. 5 1863
Helen, four hundred and ten dollars. Holbrook and Hancock two
hundred and forty eight dollars and fifty eight cents. John
W. Howard four hundred and twenty four dollars and sixty cents.
Granville Mear, thirteen dollars and forty five cents. George W.
Spague four hundred and twenty dollars and fifteen cents. Put
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and
concurred. Approved by the Mayor, October 6. 1863.

The Common Council having Salaries
concurred with this Board in the passage of sections 17, 29, 30, and
31. of the Salary Bill. but having adhered to their previous vote
upon the salaries of the Enginemen, Firemen and Drivers of
the Steam Fire Engines - and also the salary of the Superinten-
dent of the Lunatic Hospital. Said subjects came up for concu-
rence. Read and thereupon this Board receded from its former
votes upon the salaries of the Enginemen and of the Super-
intendent of the Lunatic Hospital, and concurred with the Com-
mon Council therein - but this Board also adhered to its former
vote upon the salaries of the Firemen and Drivers of the Steam
Fire Engines. Sent down for concurrence.

The order submitted to the Fire House
Board on the 28th ult^o for the Committee on Public Buildings to
sell the old Hose House on Northampton Street, was read a sec-
ond time and passed. Sent down for concurrence. October 8. Came
up concurred. Approved by the Mayor October 9. 1863.

Ordered: That there be paid to the Officers and Members of the Seventh Massachusetts Battery of Artillery, the Independent Company of Cavalry, and Companies A and B of the First Battalion of Engineers, the sum equal to their respective names in the Rolls for Special Duty on July 14, 1863, said companies having been detailed for said duty upon requisition of the Mayor on the occasion of the attack on the United States Conscription in this city. The expense amounting to \$7244, to be charged to the appropriation for Police. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 5. 1863.

Mass. Rifle Club. Ordered: That His Honor the Mayor be requested to procure from the proper Officers of the Massachusetts Rifle Club and the First Battalion of the National Guard, authenticated rolls containing the names of the officers and members of said corps who rendered efficient service to the City, authentic on the 14th of July last, with a view to their being compensated for said services by the City of Boston. Read twice and passed.

Intubation. The order submitted to the Board on the 28th ult^o for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Intubation Street, at a cost of four hundred dollars, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 6. 1863.

Gerish. The order submitted to the Board on the 28th ult^o to pay Smith Gerish lessee of S.H. and J.H. Hinneuman five hundred dollars for damages caused by the widening of Union Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 6. 1863.

An application was received 553.
ed from the Directors for Public Institutions for additional ac- Oct. 5 1863
commodations for the female branch of the House of Reformation
tion, and suggesting that the residence of the late Port Physician
ician which is now vacant might be used for that purpose. for females
Read and thereupon, it was Ordered: That the dwelling house
and appurtenances together with the furniture, and the adja- Port Physician
cent grounds which were set apart by this Board on the fif- here
teenth day of May 1861 for the use of the Port Physician be and
the same hereby are relinquished to the Board of Directors
for Public Institutions in conformity with their request this
day presented in order that said premises may be used as
a female branch of the House of Reformation. Read twice and
passed. Approved by the Mayor October 5. 1863.

On motion of Alderman
Among the Board took from the table City Document N^o 76
being his substitute for the former Ordinance in relation to
the Public Library and the question being on the passage
of said substitute it was amended by inserting in the fourth
line of Section 5. after the word persons "who shall be citizens
of Boston and residents thereof so much of the year as the Jus-
tices direct" and as thus amended the ordinance was passed.
Sent down for concurrence. October 8. Came up concurred. Submit-
ted to the Mayor for approval. Oct. 16. Approved by the Mayor October 20. 1863

Library

Upon the petition of Baldwin
and Emerson lessees of a Wharf and Store belonging to Francis & Emerson.
Alger, William A. Howard, William Perkins and Murray Smith, Old Colony &
trustees of Cyrus Alger, deceased, praying that this Board would Fall River R.R.

Baldwin

& Emerson.

Old Colony &

Fall River R.R.

554 estimate the damages occasioned to their tenement interest,
Oct. 5 1863 by the taking of a portion of said wharf and estate by the
Old Colony and Fall River Railroad Corporation, and the
making and maintaining of their railroad upon and over
said land, as in the petition of said Lessee is more fully
set forth. it now appearing that said Old Colony and Fall
River Railroad Company, through its successor the Old Colony
and Newport Railroad Company, have been duly notified of
the pendency of said petition. it is hereby Ordered: That the
damages occasioned to the said Lessee of the estate of Cyrus
Hyer, deceased, by the location of the Old Colony and Fall
River Railroad over a portion of said Estate be assessed by
this Board at the sum of One Dollar. Read twice and passed.

East Boston

Stevens

Agreeably to notice Alderman
Stevens called up his motion to reconsider the vote whereby
this Board on the twenty first of September last substituted
the Minority Report and accepted the same instead of the
Majority Report and Orders on the subject of the East Boston fer-
ries; and after a few preliminary remarks he presented to the
Board a petition signed by Mr. Fay and Adams and 2500 others,
praying the City Council to purchase one or both ferries as a
means of relieving the citizens of East Boston from the onerous
tax to which they are subjected. Alderman Stevens also sub-
mitted to the Board a copy of a Preamble and resolves, seven
in number, adopted at a public meeting held at East Boston, on
the third instant, expressive of a desire of said meeting that
the City Council would purchase one or both ferries with a view
to aid the citizens of that section of the City in obtaining better

rate of toll. Read and Monday next at four and a half o'clock. 533.

P.M. was assigned for a further consideration of this subject Oct. 5. 1863

The order submitted to the East Boston Board on the 28th ult^o for the Committee on East Boston Ferries to make arrangements whereby a night Boat may be run from 11 P.M. to 5 A.M. during the winter months was read a second time & laid on the table. Night Boat.

The rules and regulations Coal-holes in relation to the construction of Coal Holes and arcades under the sidewalks in this City, which were submitted to the Board on the 28th ult^o, were read a second time and were amended by striking out at A. in Section 5. the words "this regulation shall not apply to" and inserting "no reimbursement shall be made in." Said rules and regulations were then recommitted to the Committee on Paving with instructions to obtain from the City Solicitor his opinion on the legality of making charge of a fee for Coal Hole privileges.

On petition of George H. Lane Lane for leave to excavate the sidewalk in Wilson's Lane and to place a Hyll light therein, the Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted if the owner of the estate will give a bond to comply with such regulations as the Board may make in relation to such excavations. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Paving Metropolitan Railroad to whom was committed the petition of the Metropolitan Rail Road Company with the order of notice thereon, asking for a location of a single track in Harrison Avenue between Lee and Northampton Street, in Northampton Street between Harrison

556. Avenue and the Rybny line and in either Northampton or
Oct 5 1885 Camden Street between Fremont Street and Washington Street,
would respectfully report that it is inexpedient to locate the
tracks as set forth in the petition the present year. For the Committee.
L. Miles Handish, Chairman. Read and accepted.

East
Springfield
Street.

Whereas pursuant to an order
of this Board, passed on the eighth day of June last a nuisance
has been abated in East Springfield Street, the cost of which was
six dollars, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, ac-
cording to law: it is therefore Ordered, That the persons named in
the Schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid,
be and they hereby are charged and assessed with the sums
therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part
of the expense of the abatement of said nuisance, and the
same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the par-
ties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Fremont
Street

Whereas pursuant to an order
of this Board, passed on the twenty fourth day of August last
a nuisance has been abated on Fremont Street, the cost of which
was fifty seven ²⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, to be charged to persons benefitted
by the same, according to law: it is therefore Ordered, That the
persons named in the Schedule herunto annexed, being bene-
fitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assess-
ed with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their
proportional part of the expense of the abatement of said nuisance,
and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given
to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas pursuant to an order 557

of this Board, passed on the fifteenth day of June last a nuisance has been abated in Hall and Mint Streets, the cost of which was one hundred and eighty one ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: it is therefore Ordered, That the persons named in the Schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the abatement of said nuisance, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

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Hall

Mint Streets

Whereas pursuant to an order

of this Board, passed on the seventeenth day of August last a nuisance has been abated in Auburn and Livingston Streets, the cost of which was one hundred and eighteen ²⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: it is therefore Ordered, That the persons named in the Schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the abatement of said nuisance, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Auburn

Livingston
Streets.

Whereas pursuant to an order

of this Board, passed on the second day of June last a nuisance has been abated in Seneca Street, the cost of which was twenty-four ³⁰/₁₀₀ dollars, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: it is therefore Ordered, That the persons named in

Seneca

Street.

552 the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid,
Oct. 5/1863 be and they hereby are charged and assessed with the same
therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of
the expense of the abatement of said nuisance, and the same
is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties
aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

Bollen

Threl.

Whereas pursuant to an order of
this Board, passed on the third day of August last, a nuisance
has been abated on corner of Bollen and L. Street, the cost of which
was twelve dollars, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same,
according to law: it is therefore Ordered, That the persons named in
the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be
and they hereby are charged and assessed with the sums therein
set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the ex-
pense of the abatement of said nuisance, and the same is
ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid,
their tenants or lessees

Mines

The Committee on Licenses to
whom were referred the rules and regulations for the licensing of
Mines in this City as Hawkers and Peddlers, reported, that they
approve said rules, but in view of the lateness of the season they
recommend their reference to the next Board of Aldermen

Second hand

dealer

Leave was granted to George Bul-
len to deal in Second Hand Articles at 397 Commercial Street.

Loherty

On petition of Ross Loherty for abate-
ment of assessment for construction of a drain in Unity Court to
abate a nuisance the Committee on Internal Health reported leave

to withdraw. Read and accepted.

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On petition of William A. Warner Oct. 5/1863.

and others that the sidewalks on Broadway from A to M. Streets may be laid, the Committee on Paving reported that it is inadvisable at the present time. Read and accepted.

Warner

Ordered: That the City Treasurer be directed to abate from the assessment for constructing sidewalks in front of the estate of the heirs of Thomas Darling on South Street assessed against Frederic Cusby and the heirs of Thomas Darling, the sum of thirteen dollars and eight cents leaving the amount to be paid by said heirs the sum of twenty dollars. Read once.

South

Street

Darling

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Sumner Street between River Street and Paris Street, in conformity with the established grade, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City, and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost five hundred dollars. Read once.

Sumner

Street

Ordered, that the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Harrison Avenue between South May and Laver Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City;

Harrison

Avenue

566. and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to
Oct. 5 1863 become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused
to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost three thousand
and dollars Read once

Harrison
Avenue

Ordered, That the Chief of Police be
directed to notify the owners and abutters numbered 221 and 223
Harrison Avenue; also estates of Ralph Hildreth, Brown and Main
and Benjamin Rogers on Harrison Avenue between South May and
Leavenworth Street, to furnish new edge stones to support the sidewalks
and to lay their sidewalks with brick, within twenty days. And that
in default thereof, the same will be done by the City, at their ex-
pense, according to law. Read once

Leavenworth
Street
London
Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent
of Streets be authorized to raise the gutters and grade Leavenworth
Street between Meridian and London Street, and London Street between
Leavenworth and Meridian Street, in conformity with the established grade,
and remove all such projections on the line of said Street which shall
become dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street not secur-
ed in accordance with the Ordinances of the City, and those which
are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and
which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice
to that effect. Estimated cost fifteen hundred dollars. Read once

Ridgway
Lane.

Whereas, it appears to this Board
that a necessity exists for the construction of a sewer in Ridgway
Lane, and that public notice of such intention has been given, it is
hereby ordered, That the Superintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby
directed to construct a common sewer in said Ridgway Lane, and
to report a schedule of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read
once.

Whereas, it appears to this 561

Board that a necessity exists for the construction of a sewer in Carver Street, between Boylston and Eliot Streets, and that public notice of such intention has been given, it is hereby ordered, that the Superintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby directed to construct a Common Sewer in said Carver Street, and to report a schedule of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read once.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade a portion of Malden Street to the established grade. Estimated cost two thousand dollars. Read once.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade N. Street below Ninth Street. Estimated cost two hundred dollars. Read once.

A memorial of the Trustees of the City Hospital. To the Honorable the City Council of Boston: Respectfully represents the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, that the buildings of the institution are rapidly approaching completion. Circumstances we could not anticipate and beyond our control have disappointed the hope, that they would have been at this time occupied by patients. But the partitions are substantially in condition for use, and in case of need could be made ready with but little delay. The ten thousand dollars transferred from the construction appropriation for furniture has been expended, or will be all needed, and promises to meet every immediate requirement. We invite the attention of the City Council to what we have provided, with great confidence that our purchases will meet their approbation. The warming and

562. Ventilating apparatus will soon be in a state to be useful in
Oct. 5/63 drying the plaster of the centre building. This will essentially
accelerate the work of completion. It is very desirable that the
apparatus should be tested before inmates are received, and
also before the accounts for its construction have been adjust-
ed. We unfortunately have no fuel for the purpose, or means to
procure it. It is understood that owing to the high prices, that
have prevailed during the past season, the Committee on Fuel
have not effected contracts to the same extent as usual. In or-
der to secure a fair trial, the particular coal, by which the
work and system are to be tested, should be under the control
of the Trustees. We hope the City Council will permit us to buy
what fuel is needed for this winter. We request therefore that
there be appropriated ten thousand dollars to be expended by
the Trustees for the purposes of the Hospital, for furniture, fuel, and
the current expenses, as may be needed, and respectfully re-
commend the passage of the order herunto annexed, for the
purpose. Thomas C. Anney, Jr. President of the Board of Trustees.
Resolved: That there be transferred from the Reserved Fund, to the
appropriation for the City Hospital, Ten Thousand Dollars, to be
expended by the Trustees for furniture, fuel, or current expenses, as
may be needed. Read once.

Broadway
Railroad
Metropolitan
Railroad

Agreeably to assignment the
Board took up the subject of the proposed extension of the loca-
tions of the Broadway Rail Road and the Metropolitan Rail Road
in Ward 12 and after the Board had listened to the arguments
of J. W. Bates in behalf of the Metropolitan Railroad Company,
and of William Brigham and Rley W. Chandler in behalf of
the Broadway Rail Road Company, the subject was recom-

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a Special meeting of the
Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics
Hall on Thursday the Eighth day of October Anno Domini,
1863

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Rice,
Spinney Paul and Stevens

Twelve Traverse Jurors drawn Jurors
for the First session of the Superior Court and ten for the Second
session of the Superior Court.

Alderman Tyler with some Hayward
preliminary remarks introduced the following Resolves: Re-
solved: That we are deeply sensible of the loss occasioned to
this community by the recent decease of Dr. George Hayward, one
of our Consulting Board of Physicians. From his eminence in his
profession, his general cultivation in art, literature and science,
by the aid he was ever ready to render to every public object by
his writings, his judicious counsel and his liberal contributions,
he secured the affection and esteem of his fellow-citizens. By
his faithful discharge of his duties as one of our medical ad-
visers to which office he had been un-interruptedly selected
for more than a quarter of a century by the City Council, and

564. by the ready alacrity with which he responded in his official
Oct. 8. 1863. capacity to all claims upon his extensive professional knowl-
edge and experience, his memory is entitled to respectful trib-
ute from every member of this government. Resolved, that
this expression of our condolence be communicated to the family
of the deceased with the request that we be permitted to attend
his funeral. Read and passed unanimously. Sent down for con-
currence. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor. Oct: 9. 1863.

Phillips

Alderman Nereis submitted to
the Board the following resolutions. Resolved: That we view
with unfeigned sorrow the loss to the public service of the late
James Phillips, Secretary of the Board of Overseers of the Poor. In-
healing with his office qualifications which eminently fitted him
for all responsible duties. His sound judgement, practical benevo-
lence and unvaried assiduity in the care of the poor of the City
won for him the gratitude of large numbers of the unfortunate, at-
tached to him the almoners of public and private charity and
secured him public confidence. Resolved: That a copy of these
resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased. Passed unani-
mously. Sent down for concurrence. Came up concurred. Approv-
ed by the Mayor. October 9. 1863.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board 565.
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on
Monday the twelfth day of October Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Ten traverse jurors drawn for Jurors
the Second Session of the Superior Court.

Petition of Joseph Smith Smith
and others for use of Faneuil Hall October 25th for a political meet-
ing. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall.

Petition of David L. Webster Webster
and others that Federal Street may be widened between Williams
and High Streets. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Ross S. Zerkley Zerkley
heard in relation to his petition for abatement of an assessment
for removal of a nuisance in Unity Court. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Internal Health.

Remonstrance of William Dorey Dorey
and others against the erection of a Stable in Prince Street by M.
Lounes. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of P. L. Everett Everett
to erect a Stable for more than four horses on Newmarket Avenue
near Knox Street. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of Thomas Guffield Guffield
and others for a new and larger sewer in Allen Street. Referred to

566 the Committee on Rivers.

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Mains

Petition of Jeremiah Mains to be compensated for grade changes sustained by his estate on Second Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Kelly

Petition of John Kelly to be compensated for damages sustained by reason of the change of grade on Second Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Fire Dept.

Drivers

Petition of Steam Engine drivers for increase of salaries. Referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Smith

Petition of Henry Smith for a release of certain conditions in a deed of land from the City to Nathaniel Stevens of land on Springfield Street in 1859. Referred to the Board of Land Commissioners. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 15. Came up concurred

Thurs

Fund.

Petition of Trustees of the Hawes Fund for the use of the Ward room of Ward 12, for the purpose of holding therein an Adult Evening School. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings with full power. Sent down for concurrence. October 15. Came up concurred

Bassett

Petition of J. R. Bassett and others for leave to erect stores for Mechanical and Manufacturing purposes on land on Fremont Street bought of the City. Referred to the Board of Land Commissioners. Sent down for concurrence. October 15. Came up concurred.

ney to be compensated for injuries sustained by his son to Oct. 12. 1863
ing run over by a Horse Carriage on the 22^d of September. Petitioner
ult^r Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concu-
rence. Oct. 15. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Com- Ward room
mittee on Public Buildings have further time to report on fur- Ward 7-10
nishing Ward rooms for Wards 7 and 10. Passed in Common
Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Ap-
proved by the Mayor Oct. 14. 1863.

Ordered: That the Committee Grace
on Claims consider whether any and what compensation ought
to be made to Patrick J. Grace, one of the Crews of the Sea, for
the loss of goods destined for distribution to the poor, by fire. Sent
down for concurrence. October 15. Came up concurred. Approv-
ed by the Mayor October 16. 1863.

The report and order sub- Hospital
mitted to the Board on the fifth instant for a transfer from
the Reserved Fund to the appropriation for the City Hospital,
to be expended by the Trustees for furniture, fuel or current expend-
s as may be needed, were read a second time and passed.
Yeas Aldermen Amory, Clark, Denio, Henshaw, Marsh, Norcross,
Paul, Pierce, Spinney, Standish, Taven, Tuler, 12. Nays none. Sent
down for concurrence. Oct. 22. Came up concurred. Yeas 34. Nays none.
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 23. 1863.

Ordered: That the Commit- Primary
tee on Public Instruction be allowed further time to report rela- School
tive to additional accommodations for Primary Schools in Ward Ward 10
10. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and

508. concurred. Approved by the Mayor October 14. 1863.

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Read

Station No. 4. on Public Buildings consider the expediency of providing better accommodations for the Police in Station No. 4. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 14. 1863.

Bill

to be paid

Ordered: That the following bills for services rendered by persons connected with the City Government be paid provided they are approved and allowed in the usual manner. viz: William Carpenter, two hundred dollars, one hundred and ninety-five dollars. L. A. Butler, four hundred and twenty dollars. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor. October 14. 1863.

Mayor

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of A. C. Taylor to be compensated for damage done by a mob to his Stall No. 1. Union Market, on the fourteenth of July, have considered the same, and by leave to report. That as the amount of damage done was less than fifty dollars, no compensation can legally be made, and the Committee therefore recommend that the petition be leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Otis Kiersey Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. October 15. Came up concurred.

Read Room

Read 10

The Committee on Public Buildings, who were requested to furnish a suitable wash room in Ward X in place of the school room in the Brimmer School House

now occupied for that purpose, have attended to that duty and beg leave to report. That a room has been engaged in Lawrence's (Oct. 12. 1863) Building, corner of Washington and Lincoln Streets. Respectfully submitted. For the Committee, Joseph F. Paul, Chairman. Read and accepted... Sent down for concurrence. October 15. Came up concurred

The Committee on Public Buildings, who were instructed to consider the expediency of providing a new Ward Room for Ward VII. have attended to that duty and beg leave to report. That while they are satisfied that a necessity exists for increased accommodations for public meetings in Ward VII. they are not prepared to recommend the provision of a new room for permanent use, inasmuch as a new division of Wards will take place in 1865, when the present Ward limits will doubtless be much changed, and it is therefore not expedient to establish any new Ward Rooms at present. For the present wants of Ward VII. the Committee have engaged a commodious room in Mercantile Building, Summer Street. Respectfully submitted. For the Committee, Joseph F. Paul, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. October 15. Came up concurred.

Agreeably to assignment the Board took up Alderman Stevens' motion to reconsider the vote whereby on Sept. 21st the Board accepted the Minority Report on the subject of the purchase of one of the East Boston Ferry Boats and franchise - and the question being taken on said motion, the Yeas and Nays were called thereon as follows. Yeas, Aldermen Amory, Denio, Rice, Stevens, Tyler. 5. Nays, Aldermen Clark, Henshaw, Marsh, Norcross, Paul, Spinney, Standish. 7. To the Board

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Oct. 12. 1863 refused to reconsider said vote and the Minority Report as accepted September 21st was sent down for concurrence.

Salaries
Fire Dept

The Common Council having decided from their former vote relating to the salaries to be paid to the drivers of Steam Fire Engines and concurred with this Board therein, and having insisted on their former vote upon the salary of the firemen of Steam Fire Engines. And action came up for concurrence. Read and laid upon the table, and thereupon it was Ordered: That the Committee on the Fire Department consider and report at the next meeting of the Board whether under existing circumstances the salaries of the engineers, firemen and drivers of the Steam Fire Engines should be raised.

K

Street

The order submitted to the Board on the fifth instant for the Superintendent of Streets to grade K Street below Ninth Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 13. 1863.

Malden

Street

The order submitted to the Board on the fifth instant for the Superintendent of Streets to grade Malden Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 13. 1863.

Ridgway

Lane

The order submitted to the Board on the fifth instant for the Superintendent of Streets to construct a sewer in Ridgway Lane, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 13. 1863.

Carver

Street

The order submitted to the Board on the fifth instant for the Superintendent of Streets to construct a sewer in Carver Street from Rydalen to Fifth Street, was read a sec-

and time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 13. 1863.

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The order submitted to the

Durling.

Board on the fifth instant for an abatement of an encroachment upon Thomas Durling's heirs for construction of a sidewalk on Southwick Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 13. 1863.

The order submitted at the

Harrison

meeting of the Board on the fifth instant for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Harrison Avenue between South May & Linn Streets was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 13. 1863.

Avenue

The order submitted to the

Harrison

Board on the fifth instant for Chief of Police to notify the owners of estates 221-223. Harrison Avenue and other abutters to lay their sidewalks in twenty days, was read a second time and passed.

Avenue

The order submitted at the

Decatur

meeting of the Board on the fifth instant for the Superintendent of Streets to pave the gutters and grade Decatur Street from Meridian to Linden Street and Linden Street from Decatur to Meridian Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 13. 1863.

Street

The order submitted to the

Sumner

Board on the fifth instant for the Superintendent of Streets to re-pave Sumner Street between Liverpool and Paris Streets, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 13. 1863.

Street.

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Militia
forces pay of

Ordered: That there be paid, in addition to the individual compensation heretofore allowed, to the members of Companies A and B of the First Battalion of Infantry, the sum of three dollars per day for the use of the horses used by these corps upon the occasion of the band concert held in July last. Said sum to be charged to the appropriation for Police. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 13. 1863.

Ward & Bark

Ordered: That the fee to be paid for the Measurement of Ward or Bark brought by water or land shall be as follows: When brought by land, at the rate of eight cents per load. When brought by water at the rate of five cents per cord. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 13. 1863.

Franklin

Fund

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of William Mind. Esq. Treasurer of the Franklin Fund for the benefit of Young Married Mechanics, have attended to that duty and respectfully report that they found said accounts correctly kept and properly vouched. They find that the value of said Fund on the 1st day of January 1863, was \$1823.43 all of which appeared to be safely invested. For the Committee, John S. Tyler, Chairman. Read and accepted.

Tenant
Officers

The Tenant Officers for the several districts of this City submitted to the Board their quarterly reports to October 1. Read & placed on file.

Broadway

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises in rear of 158 Broadway caused by illegally constructed vaults, and dirt and filth on said

premises, belonging to Moses Kelly, which is dangerous to the health 573
of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of
Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be
abated by constructing a proper vault and uncaring said dirt and
filth at the expense of said party, who, having been duly noti-
fied by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises 16 Middlesex Street caused
by waste water and defective drainage on said premises, belong-
ing to J. G. Burnham, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabit-
ants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be,
and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by
repairing or constructing a drain at the expense of said party, who,
having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said
nuisance.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises corner Rochester Avenue and
Second Street caused by overflowing vaults on said premises, belong-
ing to Patrick Barry, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabi-
tants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be,
and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated
by entering said vault on tracks to be cleaned at the expense of
said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected
to abate said nuisance.

The Joint Special Committee appointed to consider the petition of George B. Upton and others
that the City Council will accept the Act of the Legislature in-
corporating the "Union Freight Horse Railroad Company," and sur-
vise and control the same.

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My remonstrance against the same, have attended to that
body, and heard the petitioners and remonstrants, and beg leave
to report that this act was procured for the ostensible purpose of
affording to the Railroads terminating in the City facilities for
more advantageous connection with tide water than they now en-
joy. The principal consideration addressed to the Committee in
favor of its acceptance by the City was that the cost of bringing
breadstuffs and other exportable merchandise to Boston is so much
greater than that of carrying them to New York, under the existing
condition of the means of transportation, as to render our com-
merce in these articles of export of inferior consequence. It was stat-
ed that a large item in the cost of articles exported from Boston is
the expense of unloading from the cars at the depots, transferring
to carts, and carting across the City to the Steakhouses and Ele-
vators on the principal wharves; and that the difference between
the cost of the proposed mode of delivering the freight immedi-
ately upon the wharves by means of tracks laid from the depots thereto,
and that of the present plan, would be sufficient to materially re-
duce the cost of such freight, especially breadstuffs, and to put
shipments from Boston on the same or nearly the same footing
as those from New York. The effect of this would be of course to in-
crease our general business prosperity. In reply to these suggestions
the remonstrants represented that the advantages sought for
through a Freight Railroad in our streets might be fully real-
ized by the use of the Grand Junction Railroad, or the use of lighters
for transferring grain from vessels to cars, and that the heavy
tracks in the streets, with freight cars passing over them, would
prove a serious obstacle to the ordinary business now transacted.
The Committee fully appreciate the importance of any projects tend-

ing to facilitate trade and increase the commerce of this city, 575
and they would unhesitatingly advocate the extension of the City of Boston
proper. Municipal encouragement to such public enterprises,
looking to that end, as have a reasonable prospect of success and
will not endanger any equally important interests already
established. They are not, however, convinced, either that the pro-
posed Railroad is entirely practicable, or that it affords the only
way open for the accomplishment of the desirable objects in view.
Our streets, especially those which the Freight Road would traverse,
are none too wide or commodious for the constantly increasing traf-
fic incident to the ordinary business of the city, and it seems to
us that with the addition of long and heavily laden cars, they
would often become choked and impassable, causing loss and
annoyance to many persons. The rails of this Railroad must nec-
essarily be of a heavy pattern, suited to the ordinary freight cars,
and having a depth and abruptness adding materially to the
difficulties and dangers of ordinary travel. We believe that other
plans may be devised which will as effectually cheapen freight
and increase business. The Grand Junction Railroad still exists
and connects all the railroads with the wharves at East Boston;
and though it has fallen into disuse, it can be put in order
at a less cost than the Union Freight Railroad can be construct-
ed for. It was objected by the petitioners that there are no elevators
at East Boston, while there are ample accommodations of that
nature upon the wharves of the City proper. We respectfully submit
that private enterprise will quickly supply this want whenever the
railroad companies or other parties will give any assurance that
an elevator will be regularly called into use. The expedient of
using lighters also seems to us practicable, so far at least as the

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Seacoast Railroad, which is the principal interested party in this matter, is concerned. Believing, therefore, that the use of our streets by a freight Railroad will seriously interfere with and endanger ordinary travel and injure many existing interests, and that the objects sought may be to a large extent, if not wholly, found in other directions, we submit that it is inexpedient for the City to accept the act incorporating the Union Freight Railroad. For the Committee L. Hills Standish, Chairman. Said on the table and ordered to be printed.

Market
Hall
Agreeably to the report of the Committee on the Market the transfer of Hall's Market Hall from Elisha Brewer to Richman was approved by the Board.

Second hand
dealers
Agreeably to the reports of the Committee on Licenses, Patrick Delaney at 48. Marwick Square, and Robert Steele at 49 Marwick Square were licensed as dealers in Second Hand Articles and John and Annie were licensed as Pawnbrokers at 13 Brattle Square.

Young
William H. Young was licensed to give exhibitions of magic at East and South Boston.

Jones
Sister Street
On petition of Anna P. Jones for abatement of a nuisance in Sister Street caused by the projection of a hoisting apparatus from a store on said Street, the Committee on Paving &c. reported a reference of the subject to the Committee on Police.

Blodgett
On petition of Luther Blodgett for leave to occupy the sidewalks at corner of Boylston and Washington Streets while improvements are going on, the Committee on

Shedd reported a reference of the subject to the Committee on Rev- 577
ing. Read and accepted and referred accordingly.

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On petition of William Regan Regan
for leave to give a Sparring Exhibition at the National Varieties
on Saturday Oct. 17. 1863, The Committee on Licenses reported leave
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Public In- Primmer
struction to whom was referred an order adopted in the Common School District.
Council on the 25th of June last: "That the Committee on Public
Buildings be requested to furnish additional Primary School
accommodations in the Primmer School District" having consid-
ered the subject, now report. That they are convinced that
there is an urgent necessity for additional accommodations for
Primary Schools in said District, more especially in that sec-
tion which lies west of Pleasant Street, but they have ascertain-
ed that a lot of land, now belonging to J. G. Liddle Esquire, situa-
ted near the head of Dix Place, and adjoining the Winthrop Gram-
mar School House, may be purchased at one dollar and seventy
five cents pr. foot. The lot contains 7816 feet, and it is believed that
a Building for not more than six rooms, may be erected thereon,
and that much collateral benefit will accrue to the City by hav-
ing the control of this land. The Committee therefore recommend
the adoption of the following order. R. order, John S. Tyler, Chairman.
Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be directed to
purchase the lot of land in Dix Place, belonging to J. G. Liddle,
containing about 7816 feet, and to erect thereon a Primary School
House of not exceeding six rooms, upon plans approved by the
Committee on Public Instruction, at a cost not exceeding six-

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thirty thousand dollars. Ordered: That the Treasurer be authorized
Oct. 12, 1883 to borrow under the direction of the Committee on Finance
the sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, the same to be
Loan appropriated to the erection of a Primary School House in, or near
Six Place. Read once.

Purchase
Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent
of Streets be authorized to repair Purchase Street between Belmont
and Pearl Street, and make such changes in the grade of said
Street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projec-
tions on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to
close all openings into said Street, which are not secured in ac-
cordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so
much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which
the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that
effect. Estimated cost eight hundred dollars. Read once.

Purchase
Street.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police
be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Purchase Street, be-
tween Belmont and Pearl Street, to furnish new edge-stones to sup-
port the sidewalk, within twenty days. And that, in default thereof,
the same will be done by the City, at their expense, according
to law. Read once.

Border,
Cinder, Falcon
Street

Ordered, That the Board adopt
the revised grade of Border, Cinder, and Falcon Streets, as shown
on a plan made by the City Engineer, and deposited in the office
of the Board of Aldermen. Read once.

Second Street
Albion.

Resolved, That the safety &
convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Second
Street should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to

lake, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a $5\frac{1}{4}$
parcel of land belonging to Melzar Nelson bounded as follows, viz: Oct. 12 1863
Northeastwardly by the proposed line of widening of said street,
there measuring twenty one feet and $\frac{1}{100}$; Southwardly to the pre-
sent line of Second Street twenty eight feet and $\frac{5}{100}$; and Northwest-
wardly by Dorchester Street, nineteen feet and $\frac{26}{100}$: containing two
hundred and three square feet, more or less. And notice has been
given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the
purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land
before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out
as a public street or way of the said City - according to a plan
of the said widening made by N. Henry Craig, City Engineer, dated
September 28th 1863. and deposited in the office of the said
Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of
widening the said Second Street, as aforesaid, will amount to one
thousand dollars; which sum, together with the amount of esti-
mates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, du-
ring the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of
five thousand dollars. Read once.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Tyler
Street between Oak and Harvard Streets who have not laid their
sidewalks according to law with brick to furnish new edge-stones
to support the sidewalk, and to lay their sidewalks with brick, with-
in twenty days. And that in default thereof, the same will be done
by the City, at their expense, according to law. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Friday the sixteenth day of October, Anno Domini, 1863

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Spinnay, Paul, Stevens, Clark, and Standish.

Jurat

Six traverse Jurats drawn for the Superior Court (Criminal session).

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, PM

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the nineteenth day of October, Anno Domini, 1863

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Jurat

Ten traverse Jurats drawn for the Second Session of the Superior Court.

Petition

Petition of Josiah Piham and others for use of Faneuil Hall on October 28th for the aid of the disabled soldiers. Referred to the Committee on Faneuil Hall.

Jacobs
Thayer
Jepson

Petition of David H. Jacobs for leave to construct a Coal Slide at No 6 South Russell Street of William Thayer for leave to construct of Coal Slide under sidewalk on Chapman Place Henry C. Jepson for leave to place a cellar-door way

in sidewalk of N. 308 Tremont Street. Referred to the Committee
on Paving.

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Petition of O. M. Mather that
his house in Lucas Place may be raised by the City to a new grade.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Directors of the Peo-
ple's Ferry Company, that the rates of toll on their Boats be fixed
by the Board. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Superintendent
of Sewers for additional room for deposit of tools, materials &c.,
and suggesting the use of a piece of land on Fruit Street. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Streets.

Petition of Samuel W. Reed
that a Common Sewer may be laid in Seventh Street from G to
H Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers

The Superintendent of Sewers
submitted to the Board assessments for construction of sewers in
Hawley Street and in Franklin Avenue. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Sewers.

A communication was receiv-
ed from the Union Horse Freight Railroad Company in favor of
the acceptance of their Charter. Read and laid on the table.

Ordered, That due notice be
given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four o'clock
P.M., take into consideration the expediency of constructing a
Common Sewer in Allen Street between Brighton and Mission

582 And and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons, who may
Oct. 19. 1863 enter their particular Drains into such common Sewer, or who,
by any more remote means, shall receive any benefit there-
by: Any person, making objections thereto, will then and there-
be heard

Fire Department On nomination by the Mayor
David E. Gilman was appointed a fireman for Engine N^o 2 and
Charles P. Wood was appointed driver of Engine N^o 9.

Constables On nomination by the Mayor
William M. Falshtat and Charles Merrill were appointed Con-
stables of this City.

Volunteers A communication from His
Honorable the Mayor To the City Council of the City of Boston Gen-
tlemen: I deem it my duty, at the earliest moment, to call to
your notice the recent proclamation of the President of the United
States, calling for the enlistment of three hundred thousand vol-
unteers in addition to the troops now in the service. I also transmit
the official order from His Excellency the Governor (General Order N^o 27)
appealing to the loyal and patriotic inhabitants of our Common-
wealth in aid of the same object. The exigencies of the war call
for prompt and energetic measures upon the part of every munic-
ipality which represents the people, and it becomes our duty to take
such measures as will arouse and quicken the public spirit,
and devise such a system and method as will be instrumen-
tal in accomplishing the desired end. The City of Boston
through her whole history, has done her full share in every
emergency in which the country has been placed, and this new
appeal to her citizens must be met with a resolution which will

be worthy of her past union, and be an expression to the world 523
of her continued interest in the cause of our common country. Oct. 14. 1863
Our sons who have fallen, as well as those who are now strugg-
ling with the enemy, call upon us to respond with alacrity to
this new demand on our patriotism, and to contribute our
full share to bring to a speedy close this protracted and un-
fortunate conflict. By the act of the last Legislature we are pre-
cluded from offering such bounties for enlistment, as were
paid last year, but there may be some other method of mu-
nicipal action which can be of service, and which deserves
consideration. Any plan, which your wisdom may suggest,
will receive my hearty co-operation. J. W. Lincoln Jr. Mayor. Read
and referred to the whole Board of Aldermen with such as
the Common Council may join. Sent down for concurrence.
October 22^d Came up concurred and Messrs. Butler, Hays, Wells,
Leary, Leighton, M^r Bean, Bean, Wadsworth, Richardson, Woodbury,
Coolidge, Ryan, Buckley, Fitch, Carpenter, Brunscale, Cumston,
and Sprague & Ward 12. were joined.

Petition of Charles E. Griswold, Griswold
Ad. of the 56th Mass. Volunteers that the City Council would en-
courage enlistments into said Regiment. Read and referred
to the foregoing Committee. Sent down for concurrence. October
22^d Came up concurred.

The Committee on Finance hav- Common
ing duly considered the enclosed communication from the Com-
mittee on the Common and Public Squares, requesting an
additional appropriation, respectfully recommend the passage

587 of the annexed order. For the Committee, J. W. Lincoln, Jr. Chairman.
Oct 19, 1863. Ordered: That the Auditor of Accounts be hereby authorized to transfer seven thousand five hundred dollars from the Reserved Fund to the appropriation for the Common re Road twice and passed. Gass, Aldermen, May, Clark, Jenic, Kennew, Marsh, Norcross, Paul, Rice, Spinney, Thendish, Stevens, Tyler 12. Ayes none. Sent down for concurrence. Oct. 22^d came up non concurred, Yeas 24. Nays 15. (See Nov. 9, 1863).

Harbor
Coal Tar.
Boston Gas
Light Co.
The Committee on the Harbor
beg leave to represent that serious present, and prospective damage has occurred, and is likely to be increased, by the accumulation of refuse Coal Tar, allowed by the Boston Gas Works Company, to flow into Charles River. Mr. Roschke the Engineer employed under the U. S. Commissioners, has investigated the matter, and made a report to the Committee which is submitted herewith. The Committee entertain the belief that it will be exceedingly difficult to remove the present accumulation, owing to the depth of water, and peculiar nature of the substance. Nevertheless it may be done at considerable expense, and such expense may be justified by the importance of the existing evil. There can be no doubt, however, of the necessity and propriety of interdicting the further accumulation of refuse matter from the same source, and the Committee recommend the adoption of the following order. John S. Tyler, Chairman. Ordered: That notice be given to the Boston Gas Light Company that serious detriment to the Harbor has been caused by the accumulation of the refuse Coal Tar, which has been allowed to flow from the works of said company into Charles River, and that said company be directed to adopt

suitable measures to prevent the continuance of the evil. Cr. 585
Ordered: That the Committee on the Harbor be instructed to au- Oct. 19. 1863
thorize for proposals for removing the dead tim and other sub-
stances which have already accumulated below Charles River
Bridge, in the channel, and to report to this Board the proba-
ble cost. Resol. accepted and the order passed. Sent down for
concurrence. October 22^d. Came up concurred. Approved by the
Mayor October 24. 1863.

The Committee on the Harbor: Hurter
beg leave to report that the Sloop Alexander, loaded with granite
Rock, has been sunk in the main channel, off Deer Island Spit,
by collision with the Gun Boat Circassian belonging to the U.S. Gov- Ship
ernment. The depth of water at the place is full 36 feet over the Alexander
hull of the vessel at low tide, so that no present danger to
navigation is caused by the wreck, but Mr. Boschke reports that
there is a probability that a shoal may form over & about
the vessel, which may be detrimental hereafter. The owners
of the vessel have informed the Committee that there is so little
in the property that they shall content themselves with taking
out the masts and saving the sails, rigging, chains, and anchors.
The hull and cargo may be wholly removed at an expense
of seven or eight hundred dollars, or the hull may be blown
up at a cost of one or two hundred dollars. The Committee have
not determined which of the two methods to pursue, but they
are satisfied that one or the other should be adopted. They
therefore recommend the adoption of the following order. John
S. Tyler, Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee on the Harbor
be authorized to cause the wreck of the Sloop Alexander, to be re-
moved from the channel off Deer Island Spit, or to cause the same

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Oct 19. 1863 to be blown up, as may be found most expedient, and that the
expense be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses
and Miscellaneous Claims. Read twice and passed. Sent down
for concurrence. October 22. Came up concurred. Approved by the
Mayor October 23. 1863.

Bassett

The Board of Land Commissioners
to whom was referred the petition of J. B. Bassett and H. B. Burrell
for leave to erect stores for mechanical and manufacturing purposes
on land bought of the City on Clement Street, having duly con-
sidered the subject, would submit the following report. That in
the opinion of this Board the interest of the City will not be pro-
moted by changing any of the conditions under which the land
as mentioned in the petition was sold, therefore would recommend
that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Commissioners,
John Price, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for
concurrence. October 22. Came up concurred.

Lock

The Committee on Claims, to whom
was referred the petition of Thomas Lock to be compensated for dam-
ages occasioned to his property by reason of the want of a coffer
dam, have considered the same, and respectfully report. That
the amount of the claim is not sufficient to make it a legal
charge upon the City, if proved, and they recommend that the
petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, C. H. Kacess
Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. October
22^d Came up concurred.

Murphy

The Committee on Claims, to
whom was referred the petition of James Murphy to be compensat-
ed for damages sustained by his property from a mob, July 14. 1863

have considered the same and report. That the amount of 38¢
damage inflicted did not reach fifty dollars, which is the min Oct 19 1865
imum limit of the city's legal responsibility, and they recom-
mend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the commit-
tee, C. W. Norcross, Chairman. Read and accepted. Read and ac-
cepted. Sent down for concurrence. October 22^d Came up concurred.

The Committee on Public Build- Rent 3
ings who were instructed to procure a more suitable Ward room
for Ward 3, have attended to that duty and report. That they
have hired for present use, No. 12, Corbridge Building, Bowdoin
Square. For the Committee, Joseph H. Paul, Chairman. Read and
accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Oct 22 Came up concurred.

The Committee on Schools to St. Mary's
whom was recommended their advice upon the petition of
the Trustees of the Mary's Institute for abatement of Water Tax, with
instructions to give the petitioners a further hearing, have attended
to that duty, and respectfully report. That the request of the peti-
tioners was based, not upon any supposition that they had been over-
charged for the amount of water used, but upon an idea that the
Institute, which is in the nature of a private school on a large
scale and therefore relieves the city from considerable expense which
it might be otherwise subjected to for the instruction of its pupils, might
consequently be considered as upon the same footing as our pub-
lic schools and pay only a nominal water-tax. This idea, apart
from any consideration as to the policy of the city being against
the encouragement of private schools, is based upon an error
as to the facts, which are, that, as has been often stated by the Com-

388 under the advice of the City Solicitor, the City has no power
Oct. 19, 1863 under the Statute authorizing the Water Board, to direct any part
of the income of the water to any purpose except the liquidation
of the debt. To charge the School's nominal water-rates would be to
direct a part of the paper income of the water to the support
of the Schools. Therefore it is that this has never been done, and
that the water-tax upon the public Schools is assessed in the
same way as other water-taxes, and is paid out of the City Treasury.
The Committee have only to repeat their recommendation
that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. For the Committee
L. Hile Standish, chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for
concurrence. October 22, came up concurred.

Winship

Petition of Oliver L. Winship to be
compensated for injuries received at time of the Conscription Act,
while in discharge of his duties as a Police Officer. In Common
Council. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Came up for con-
currence. Read and concurred.

Farwell

Petition of J. C. Farwell & Co. City Printers,
for an increase over their contract price for composition. Referred
to the Committee on Printing. Sent down for concurrence. October 22^d
came up concurred.

Bugbee

Ordered: That the salary of Sum-
ner W. Bugbee, Assistant Messenger to the City Council, who is
about to relinquish his office, be paid to the end of the present
quarter. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence.
Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor October 19, 1863.

partment, to whom was referred the petition of the Drivers of the Steam Fire Engines for an increase of salary, and who were directed to consider whether the salaries of the enginemen, firemen and drivers of the Steam Fire Engines ought to be raised, have considered the same and beg leave to report. That although the Committee are authorized to recommend changes in the salaries of enginemen, firemen and drivers, they understand that the two branches have already agreed as to the salaries of the first and last mentioned class, leaving on us the pay of the firemen in question. The duties and responsibilities of the three classes of officers named are so different in kind and importance as to demand a discrimination in regard to salary. While the engineman should be a thorough machinist, as well as a sober and faithful man, the fireman should have scarcely less knowledge of mechanics to enable him to take charge of the engine in an emergency. The business of the driver is comparatively simple and subordinate. The present pay of the drivers is quite as high, if not higher, than the largest salaries paid to drivers of horse-cars, trucks, or other vehicles of private owners, while the duties are much less arduous. We are therefore of opinion that the drivers now receive ample salary. The firemen, if they possess the qualifications which we consider requisite, and if there are any in office who do not, we hope they may speedily be replaced by those who do, - they should receive a higher salary, and we recommend that their pay be raised to fifty dollars per month. For the Committee, Saml. A. Spinney Chairman.

Read and accepted.

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Firemen

Salaries of.

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Salary
Bill

On motion of Alderman Spinney
the Board took from the table the Salary Bill and the Board re-
cited from its former vote on the Salaries of the Firemen of
Steam Fire Engines and concurred with the Common Council
therein. Approved by the Mayor October 21. 1863.

11th Mass.
Battery.National
Guard.

Ordered: That there be paid to
the members of the 11th Mass. Battery the amounts set against
their respective names upon a supplementary return for special
duty on July 11th 1863. received from the office of the Adjutant
General. Amounting in the whole to \$104. Ordered: That there be
paid to the officers and members of the First Battalion of the
National Guard a sum amounting in the whole to eight hun-
dred and sixty four dollars for their services rendered to the
city. in the city at the time of the threatened disturbance on
the 14th of July last. Ordered: That said sum be charged to
the appropriation for Police. Read twice and passed. Approved by
the Mayor October 20. 1863.

Spear

Ordered: That there be paid to
the legal representatives of Nancy Spear the sum of twenty
nine hundred and twenty six dollars for land taken in
the year 1861 to widen Lindall Street, or for any and all their
interest in and to the land taken to widen said street. said
sum being the amount fixed upon by the award of referees ap-
pointed in the year 1862, as due and payable to the heirs of said
Nancy Spear for their interest therein upon their giving to the
city a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge
for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said tak-
ing, & the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquida-

led claims for laying out and widening streets. Read twice 591
and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 24. 1863 Oct. 19. 1863

Ordered, That there be paid to Dexter

J. Gordon Dexter for the heirs of Franklin Dexter, the sum of eighteen thousand dollars, for land taken in the year 1862 to widen Union Street, and for the injury to the estate by reason of cutting off the buildings and for all claims in behalf of said heirs of any nature whatsoever upon their giving to the city a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and the same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims for laying out and widening streets. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor, October 21. 1863.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to remove from Dorchester Avenue such trees as he may deem dangerous to the public travel. Approved by the Mayor, October 21. 1863. Dorchester Avenue

Ordered: That for the purposes of the ensuing election, and until otherwise ordered, the Ward room of Ward No. 3 shall be established at No. 2. Bridge Building, Bowdoin Square - and the Ward room of Ward No. 10, in the new building on Washington Street at the corner of Market Street. Approved by the Mayor, October 20. 1863. Ward room Ward 3 and 10.

The orders submitted at the meeting of the Board on the 12th instant for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Purchase Street from Belmont to Fair Street. Purchase Street

342 and for the Chief of Police to notify the abutters on said Purchase
Oct. 19. 1863 That to furnish new edgestones, were read a second time and
passed. Approved by the Mayor October 24. 1863.

Tyler Street The order submitted to the Board
on the 12th instant for the Chief of Police to notify the abutters on
Tyler Street from Oak to Franklin Street to lay their sidewalks in
turnly days, was read a second time and passed.

Second Street The resolve and order submitted
to the Board on the 12th instant to widen Second Street by taking
land of Melzar Nelson, were read a second time and passed.
Approved by Mayor Oct. 24. 1863.

Border, Concord & Tulcea The order submitted to the Board
on the 12th instant establishing a vertical grade for Border, Concord
and Tulcea Streets, was read a second time and passed. if
proved by the Mayor, Oct. 24. 1863.

Amusement where Ordered: That the Chief of Police
be directed to notify the owners or lessees of all places of amuse-
ment in this city to provide safe and proper modes of egress there-
from, and to place no seat in the aisles: otherwise the licenses
of such places will be revoked by this Board.

Winthrop School house. The report and order of the
Committee on Public Instruction submitted at the meeting
of the Board on the 12th instant in favor of the purchase of a
lot of land adjoining the Winthrop School House and the erec-
tion of a Primary School House thereon at an expense of thirty
thousand dollars, were read a second time and laid upon the table.

Ordered, That the Chief of 593

Police be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Spring Oct. 19. 1843
field Street between Washington Street and Harrison Street
who have not laid their sidewalks with brick to lay their
sidewalks with brick, within twenty days. And that, in default
hereof, the same will be done by the City, at their expense, accord-
ing to law.

Ordered, That the wagon licen- Wagon
ses of Horace Casens, Wendell A. Stone & Co, Crozier and Kitcher, licenses
William Burrows, Calist C. Mortimer, Andrew R. Walker, and Levi
Leeman, be and the same are hereby revoked.

Ordered: That Warrants be Warrants
issued for the meeting of the legal voters of this City in their for Ward
respective Wards on Tuesday the third day of November next meetings
at nine o'clock, A.M. then and there to give in their ballots for
the following State Officers, viz: a Governor, Lieut. Governor, Sec-
retary, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor, and Attorney
General. Also for a Councilor for District No. One - five Senators
for Suffolk District and twenty six Representatives for the twelve
Representative Districts of Suffolk County. Also for a Register of
Probate and Insolvency for the County of Suffolk. All the fore-
going to be voted for on one ballot. The Polls to be kept open un-
til four and a half o'clock, P.M.

Ordered: That notice be given Voting
List
that the Voting Lists for the several Wards of the City of Boston
are completed and that copies of the same may be examined
at the City Hall, Bulfinch Street, at the Treasurer's Office, Deane Street,
and a copy at or near the place of voting in each Ward.

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Oct. 19 1863 All legal voters are requested to see that their names are properly registered thereon; and the following persons are particularly called upon to do so if their names are correctly inserted, viz: Persons who have paid a tax assessed upon them in 1862 or 1863 within this State, and who have been residents of Boston since the first of May last: Persons taxed without their given names: Persons who have not received a tax bill for 1863: Naturalized citizens and Persons who have reached their majority since the first of May last: Those persons who have not paid a tax assessed upon them within two years have no right to vote. The Board of Aldermen will attend at City Hall, Boston Street each day until the second day of November next inclusive for the purpose of inserting the names of all legal voters which through accident or mistake may have been omitted. All persons, who wish to have their names corrected or inserted must bring their tax bills with them.

Tax payers
delinquent

Ordered: That the City Treasurer designate upon the Voting List the names of all persons found thereon who have not paid a tax assessed upon them within two years according to law. Approved by the Mayor October 20. 1863.

Coal holes

The Committee on Paving to whom was recommended the rules and regulations in relation to coal holes, &c, with instructions to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor on the subject of charges, would respectfully report that in accordance with the instructions they have obtained the City Solicitor's opinion which is submitted with this report. Respectfully submitted to the Committee L. Miles Standish, Chairman. Read and accepted and the opinion of the City Solicitor which is adverse.

to such charges was placed on file.

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Alderman Sturges from the Oct. 19. 1863

Committee on Paving, Thayer introduced a new series of regulations for the construction of coal holes, vaults, &c. &c.

Rules and Regulations in relation to the construction of coal-holes, vaults, &c., under the sidewalks. The Superintendent of streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for the purpose of making excavations or apertures in any street, or under the sidewalks thereof, as required by the ordinance in relation to streets, passed April 25, 1863, upon the following conditions and regulations, viz: 1. No coal hole or vault of any description that may hereafter be made under the sidewalks in the City of Boston, shall be constructed as follows: The outer wall next to the carriage-way or road-way shall be formed of heavy granite, of not less than two & one half feet in thickness, which shall be laid with good cement; and no part thereof shall project more than six inches beyond the edge stone. The sides of such vault shall be at least one foot thick, and be composed of good hard bricks or granite blocks laid in cement mortar. The top of the coal-hole or vault shall be formed either by a brick arch or arches, turned over said coal-hole or vault in a good and substantial manner, or by covering said coal-hole or vault with rough hammered granite, at least one foot thick, or Blue Stone or North River flag stone, at least six inches thick, or iron and glass, or rough surface iron, similar in character to the Hyatt Light, as it is called. Each coal hole or vault thus constructed shall not exceed eleven feet in depth, measuring from the top of the sidewalk. The aperture in the sidewalk over said coal-hole or vault shall be covered with a substantial iron plate, with a rough surface, to prevent acci-

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dents. The entire construction of said coal hole or vault shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the Superintendent of Street, or such other person as the Board of Aldermen may designate. Coal holes are permitted to be placed in the sidewalk and shall be constructed of at least eight inch brick walls laid in good cement mortar and the hole covered as before mentioned in rule first. **II.** The owner and tenant of the abutting estate in front of which the coal hole or vault is thus permitted to be constructed shall be held responsible to the city for any and all damages to persons or vehicles ^A in consequence of any defect in the construction of such vault or coal hole, or facilitating the same or any portion thereof to remain out of repair; and such owner and tenant shall be required to keep the said vault or coal hole, its walls and coverings, in good order at all times. **III.** The occupants of any estate abutting on such a vault or coal hole shall be held responsible to the city for any and all damages occasioned to persons or vehicles ^A in consequence of the aperture in the sidewalk being left exposed and uncovered, or from the covering thereof being left insecure or unfastened; and said occupant shall be required to keep such coal hole or vault cover in good order, and safe for public travel over the same. **IV.** No boiler, steam-shaft, furnace, or steam-pipe shall be constructed or located for use under any sidewalk in this city, nor shall any explosive substance or inflammable oil be stored under the same. **V.** Any excavation under the sidewalk, whether licensed or not, shall be closed and filled up at the owner's expense, after one week's notice to that effect given by the Board of Aldermen. **VI.** Whenever a coal hole, vault, or aperture in any side-

walk shall not be covered or secured as provided in 597
condition I, or shall in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen Ed. 19 1863
be unsafe or inconvenient for the public travel, said Board
may order the same to be removed, and a suitable one
put in its place; and if the same shall not be done within
ten days from the service of said order on the owner or tenant
of the premises, or other person having the care thereof, the Su-
perintendent of Streets shall make such change, and the
expense thereof shall be paid by such owner, tenant, or other
person having the care of the premises; and no person shall
leave such coal-hole, excavation, or aperture open or unfenced
after sunset, nor in the daytime, unless while in use by some
person or persons actually attending the same. VII. Every appli-
cation for a permit shall be made in writing, and signed
by the applicant, and shall set forth the dimensions of the
proposed excavation or aperture, and the purpose for which it
is to be used; and such excavation or aperture shall not be
used for any other purpose than that stated in the application,
without the consent of the Committee on Paving and Super-
intendent of Streets; and such permit may at any time be
revoked by the Board of Aldermen. Every applicant will
be required to sign an agreement to conform, on his part,
to all the provisions and requirements of the foregoing con-
ditions. Said conditions shall be printed upon each permit which
is issued; and any violation of the same shall work a for-
feiture of the privilege thus granted, and the Board of Alder-
men will cause said privilege to be revoked accordingly. VIII.
The Chief of Police is hereby directed to prosecute all persons who
shall open or disturb any sidewalk of this City, without having

598. a permit for that purpose as provided in the ordinance relating to streets, passed April 28 1863. The question being on the passage of said regulation, Alderman Foxcross moved to strike out in Section 2 and 3 at A. the words "vehicle" and insert "property" which motion prevailed. Alderman Amory then moved to amend Section 4 by inserting after the word "damp pipe" "no cesspool, privy or water closet" and by striking out "under any sidewalk in this city nor shall any" and inserting "No" also by inserting after or the word "shall" also by striking out "under the same" and inserting "under any sidewalk in this city, and no excavation when permitted under the same shall be vented into the street" which amendment were adopted. Alderman Amory also moved to amend the sixth section by altering the first two lines so as to read as follows. "Whenever any coal hole or vault under any sidewalk or aperture constructed therein shall not be" Which amendment prevailed and as thus amended said Rules and Regulations were adopted.

Market
Stall

In reply to the report of the Committee on the Market leave was granted to John H. Merriam to transfer Stall N^o 24 and Cellar N^o 8 New Council Hall Market to Hartwell and Morse.

Smith
Council Hall

Leave was granted to Joseph Smith and others to use Council Hall on the 22^d instant for a Democratic meeting.

Bacon

On petition of Jacob Bacon for an abatement of assessment for construction of a common sewer in Eliot Street, the Committee on Sewers reported leave to withdraw.
Read and accepted.

On petition of William H. 599.
Bordman that the sewer in the northern half of Truford
Place may be lowered and repaired, the Committee on Sewers
reported that as the place and sewer are private property, the
petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted. Oct. 17. 1863
Bordman

On the remonstrance of
William Leary and others against the erection of a stable by M.
Leary on Prince Street, the Committee on Internal Health report
ed that it is inexpedient to comply with the petition of the re-
monstrants. Read and accepted. Leary

Leave was granted to J. C. Wheeler
to exhibit a circus company at the Fair Grounds for five days
from October 20. 1863. Wheeler

The Committee on Sewing, to
whom was referred the petition of Luther Birdgell for leave to ex-
cavate under the sidewalk on Douglass Street corner of Washing-
ton Street - reported that leave be granted to place "lights" in the
sidewalk provided the owner of the estate will give a bond
with conditions to comply with the regulations of this Board on
that subject. Read and accepted. Birdgell

Ordered, That the Superintendent
of Streets be directed to place a fence on the line of a por-
tion of the foot path on Rochester Avenue for the purpose of protect-
ing the foot travel thereon. Read once. Rochester
Avenue

Ordered, That the Superinten-
dent of Streets be authorized to repair Chauncy Street between
Everet Place and Essex Street with Flag Rock Blocks, and make
such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem nec- Chauncy
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way, and remove all such projections on the line of said
street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings in
to said street, which are not secured in accordance with the
Ordinances of the city; and those which are so much out of re-
pair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owner
or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that ef-
fect. Estimated cost two thousand dollars. Read once.

Shoe & Leather
Street

Ordered: That the Superintend-
ent of Streets be authorized to repair Shoe and Leather Street, and
make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem
necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said
Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings
into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the
Ordinances of the city; and those which are so much out of re-
pair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owner
or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect.
Estimated cost five hundred dollars. Read once.

Blackstone
Street

Ordered, That the Superintend-
ent of Streets be authorized to repair Blackstone Street between
Hancock Street and Haymarket Square, and make such changes
in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem necessary, and
remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he
shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street,
which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of
the city; and those which are so much out of repair as to be lia-
ble to become dangerous, and which the owner or occupants have re-
fused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost \$1500. Read
once.

Ordered, That the Superin-

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tendent of Streets be authorized to repair the gutters and to lay sidewalks in Oak Street between Hudson and Albany Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he may deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost three hundred dollars. Read once.

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Oak
Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent

Clinton

ent of Streets be authorized to repair Clinton Street between Fulton Street and Commercial Street, and make such changes in the grade of said Street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said Street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said Street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost three hundred dollars. Read once.

Street

Ordered, That there be paid to

Houston

William P. Houston the sum of eleven hundred dollars, for land taken in the year 1862 to widen Rochester Street, and for removing the buildings on his estate and that on Frederick A. Allen's estate to conform to the widening, upon his giving to the City a

612 Dec for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for
Oct. 19. 1863. all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking
and that the same be charged to the appropriation for unique
stated claim for laying out and widening streets. Read once.

Allen

Ordered, That there be paid
to Melzer Allen the sum of one thousand dollars, for land ta-
ken in the year 1863 to widen Second Street, at the corner of Lorcha-
ter Street and for cutting off the buildings and making the
repairs thereon. the said Allen having agreed to do said work
of such amount and would conform to the widening; upon his
giving to the City a Dec for the same, and an acquittance and
discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of
said taking; and that the same be charged to the appropria-
tion for laying out and widening streets. Read once.

Lunatic

The Committee on Institutions,
Hospital to whom was referred a communication of the Mayor, trans-
mitting the Memorial of the Board of Directors of Institutions
in regard to the Lunatic Hospital, have considered the same and
by leave to report. That in their opinion the communication of
the Mayor and Memorial of the Directors express in none too ur-
gent terms, the inadequacy of the present Lunatic Hospital
and the desirability of providing more suitable accommo-
dation, not only for the unfortunate lunatics who are at the
charge of the City, but for those whose resident friends do not de-
sire to send them to distant or private institutions in which
less confidence may be reposed than in our own public estab-
lishment. The Committee do not deem it necessary to rehearse

the considerations which form the basis of this opinion, they being so fully and ably stated in the communication and memorial. As a preliminary step towards the desired end, the Committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying order for the Committee. Amos C. Pinney, Chairman. Credit. That the Board of Directors for Public Institutions be, and they hereby are, authorized to select, and recommend to the City Council, for purchase, a site for a new Lunatic Hospital. Read once.

The Board of Land Commissioners to whom was referred the petition of Henry Smith, for release of certain conditions of sale of land made to Charles E. Bourne in 1846 and deeded by the City of Boston to Nathaniel Stevens, Feb^y 15. 1859, having fully considered the same, and being satisfied that certain conditions were inserted in the deed by mistake, would recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Commissioners, Silas Paine Chairman. Credit. That His Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute and deliver to Henry Smith a deed, subject to the approval of the City Solicitor, releasing certain conditions expressed in deed given by the City of Boston to Nathaniel Stevens dated Feb. 15. 1859, for land in Springfield Street near Shawmut Avenue. Read once.

Ordered: That there be allowed and paid to the Social Law Library, under the provision of the General Statutes, Chapter 33, Sect. 6, the sum of one thousand dollars and that the same be charged as the appropriation for the County of Suffolk. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the twenty fifth day of October. Anno Domini. 1863

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Hack

Petition of Patrick Hackney for a Hack stand at S. Court Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Bradford.

Petition of R. B. Bradford for leave to exhibit in State Street a pattern of lat. coat Army coat & Tent. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Munday

Petition of E. Munday to be paid for damages occasioned by change of grade in Latham Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Fentz

Petition of Sibila Fentz to be paid for damages caused by a change of grade in Emerald Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Ferrin

Petition of Mary Ann Ferrin to be paid for damages occasioned by a change of grade on Second Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Reocell

Petition of William J. Reocell for leave to open a cellar doorway at 452 Commercial Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Moses Clark for 615
an abatement of a portion of the tax assessed upon him for 1863 Oct 26. 1863
on real estate in Gloucester Place. Referred to the Committee on the Clerk
Assessors' Department on the part of this Board.

Petition of the Association of 616
the House of the Good Samaritan for an abatement of the taxes
assessed upon the houses N^o 1. and 2. N^o 1st Street. Referred to the
Committee on the Assessors' Department on the part of this
Board.

Petition of Samuel A. May 617
that Federal Street may be widened near the foot of Summer
Street. Referred to the Committee on Street.

Petition of William H. Mann 618
Mann and others that Chestnut Street may be extended west-
wardly. Referred to the Committee on Street.

Petition of John P. Sawin 619
to be paid for personal injuries sustained while on duty July
14th, the date of the Conscript Riot. Referred to the Committee on
Claims. Sent down for concurrence. October 29. Came up concurred.

Ordered: That the Committee 620
on Public Buildings be directed to report to the City Council on
or before the 29th instant the cause of the delay in erecting
a Primary School House in the Boylston District, agreeably to
an order passed by the City Council on the 25th of April last
appropriating the money therefor. Passed in Common Council
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved
by the Mayor October 27. 1863.

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 Petition of Andrew M. Oakley &
 other journeyman printers that the prices paid for the City Print-
 ing may be increased. Referred in Common Council to
 the Committee on Printing. Came up for concurrence. Read and
 concurred.

East Boston
 Ferries.

Ordered: That the Committee on
 Public Instruction be directed to inquire and report at the
 next meeting of the Council whether or not a petition in
 relation to the East Boston Ferries was introduced into any pub-
 lic school of this city for the purpose of procuring signatures
 thereto, and if so, by whose authority. Passed in Common Coun-
 cil. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by
 the Mayor October 27. 1863.

Smith

The report and order submitted
 at the last meeting for the Mayor to execute and deliver to
 Henry Smith a release of certain conditions expressed in a deed
 given by the city of Boston to Nathaniel Stevens, February 15. 1859,
 of land on Springfield Street, were read a second time & passed.
 Sent down for concurrence. October 29. Came up concurred. Ap-
 proved by the Mayor Oct 30. 1863.

Lewey.

Petition of Mary Ann Dowley to be
 compensated for personal injuries sustained by herself and child
 from falling through the draw of Federal Street Bridge. Referred to
 the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. October 29th
 Came up concurred.

Hall.
 Fire Alarm
 at
 East Boston

The Committee on Fire Alarm,
 to whom were referred the petitions of Samuel Hall and others
 the engineers of the Fire Department, and the Boston Insurance
 Office, that the Telegraphic Fire Alarm be extended to East Bos-

lon, have considered the same, and by leave to report. That the City Council has hitherto abstained from extending the Fire Alarm System to East Boston on account of the considerable expense which would be involved, and upon the prevailing supposition that the local fire force would be sufficient for any ordinary occasion, while communication with the City, either by means of the ferries would summon reasonable aid in case of greater emergency. Within the past two years the existing means of communication have proved insufficient, and heavy conflagrations have occurred, which might have been prevented or restricted if the whole Fire Department could have alarmed and brought to the place of need at the earliest moment. Even if the ferry boats were run with much more frequency and regularity than they are now, an alarm could not be given in the City proper without a loss of many minutes at the most important crisis of a fire. It seems to the committee that the people of East Boston, if menaced with a serious fire should have the power of instantly informing the whole Fire Department of the fact in the same manner as the rest of the City now do. There are two ways in which the Fire Alarm Telegraph may be extended to East Boston; one by a cable directly across the channel, the other by wire and connecting cables through Charlestown and Chelsea. Neither plan is without difficulties. The overland route will require a large amount of wire, with several cables across the bridge draws, and will be mainly through foreign territory, a circumstance which might occasion great embarrassment in locating the line, especially in the thickly settled portions of the route, and in effecting repairs. In incendiary, having fired some building in East Boston, would have ample

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Oct. 26 1865 apparently by himself or his accomplices, of cutting the wire and
depriving the purpose of their action at a most critical moment.
The cost of making repairs and renewals on this long and dis-
tant line would be large. These objections would not apply to a
cable across the channel, and although the latter scheme may
develop obstacles peculiar to itself, they do not appear to the com-
mittee so formidable as those which have named with respect to
the overland route. The disturbance of the cable by the anchors
of vessels is the only drawback which could occur to mar the
success of telegraphic communication by that means, and the dan-
ger from this source is not so great as would at first appear. By lay-
ing the cable rather slack it is believed that the action of the sea
would soon bury it beyond the reach of dragging anchors. It should
be strong enough to resist any ordinary strain, but, if unfortun-
ately broken, the cost of repairs would not be great, and hence a
cable the committee are confident, it would, by its own weight, be-
come embedded in the muddy bottom of the channel to such a
depth as to remove all apprehension of its being disturbed. Once
established the cable can be maintained at a much less cost
than an overland line. The committee have procured estimates of
the cost of extending the Fie. Therm. to East Boston by the two
different plans, and they find that the cable, connections &c. will cost
about \$3300 while the other plan would cost about \$5500. They recom-
mend the passage of the accompanying order to the committee,
J. V. Davis, Chairman. Ordered: That the committee on Fie. Therm.
be and they hereby are authorized to extend the Fie. Therm. Tele-
graph to East Boston, by means of a telegraphic cable across the
channel, at a cost not exceeding five thousand three hundred
dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for Fie. Therm.

Ordered: That there be taken from the Reserved Fund and transferred to the appropriation for Fire Alarms, the sum of Five thousand and three hundred dollars. Read twice and the orders passed. Yeas. Aldermen Amey, Clark, Jenie, Marsh, Sargent, Paul, Rice, Spinney, Standish, Harris, Tyler. 11. Nays none. Sent down for concurrence October 29. Came up concurred. Yeas 37. Nays none. Approved by the Mayor October 30, 1863.

The Board of Land Commissioners. Everett
as to whom was referred the petition of J. L. Everett to have a portion of a lot of land on Southampton Street held by the city for specific purpose, having fully considered the subject, hereby recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Commissioners, Elisha Rice, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence October 29. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Claims who were Grace
directed to consider whether any and what compensation ought to be made to Patrick A. Grace, one of the Overseers of the Poor, for the loss by fire of goods destined for distribution to the Poor, have attended to that duty and given the party a hearing, and they have to report. That the purchase of goods for prospective distribution to the Poor would be entirely contrary to the custom of the Board and individual Overseers of the Poor. From Mr. Grace's own statement the Committee learn that the goods purchased by him were procured as an investment and speculation, not for the benefit of the Poor but for his own advantage. He having charged the usual Grocer's profit upon such of the goods as he sold. The Committee therefore report the matter as Mr. Grace's in his private capacity as a Grocer, and not in his public capacity as

616 an Officer of the City, and they do not see that he has any
Oct. 20 1863 claim upon the City, either in law or in equity. Respectfully
submitted to the Committee. His Honor's Chairman. Read and
accepted. Sent down for concurrence. October 29. Came up concurred.

Fire Department
appropriation

The Committee on the Fire Department beg leave respectfully to represent that the passage of the Salary Bill of the current year, providing increased salaries for most of the members of the Department, involves so large an expenditure from the appropriation for the Fire Department beyond what was contemplated at the commencement of the financial year, as to require a corresponding increase of the appropriation. It is proposed, and the Committee are in favor of the proposition, to increase the number of members of the West Boston Hook and Ladder Company from fifteen to twenty. The number of members of the other hook and ladder companies is twenty-four, and it seems to us that twenty men are none too many for the West Boston Company, especially in cases of severe duty, such as have lately been frequent in that part of the City. This will add to the expense of this year between \$400 and \$500, making the total increase of salaries about \$8400. In view of these facts, we respectfully ask an additional appropriation of ten thousand dollars. For the Committee. L. R. Spinney, Chairman. Read and referred to the Committee in Finance. Sent down for concurrence. October 29. Came up concurred.

Common
Cemetery
Burial

Ordered: That the Committee on Recruiting be directed to inquire into the expediency of causing the erection of a Building on that part of the Com-

men known as the Parade Ground, to be used for recruiting pur- 611
poses, and as Regimental Drill Room and that the Committee have Oct. 26. 1863
full power to cause the same to be erected, if they shall deem it
expedient; the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation
for Incidental Expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Passed in Com-
mon Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Ap-
proved by the Mayor Oct. 26. 1863.

Remonstrance of G. Howland Shaw and
others against the erection of any such building as is
proposed above. Read and referred to the Committee on Mass-
achusetts Volunteers. Sent down for concurrence. October 29. Came up
concurred.

The order submitted at the Suffolk
last meeting of the Board making an appropriation of one Social Law
thousand Dollars in aid of the Suffolk Social Law Library, was Library
read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October
27. 1863.

The order submitted at the Houston
last meeting of Board to pay William C. Houston eleven hundred
Dollars for land taken to widen Dorchester Street and for removal
of buildings thereon, was read a second time and passed.
Approved by the Mayor Oct. 29. 1863.

The order submitted at the Stetson
last meeting of the Board to pay Melzar Stetson one thousand
Dollars for land taken to widen Second Street was read a second
time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 29. 1863.

The order submitted at the Blackstone
last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to Street.

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repair Blackstone Street from Hanover Street to Haymarket Square was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 29. 1863

Chauncy
Street

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Chauncy Street from White Street to Essex Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 29. 1863.

Dorchester
Avenue

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to place a fence on the foot walk of Dorchester Avenue to protect public travel was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 27. 1863.

Shoe & Leather
Street

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to pave Shoe and Leather Street, was read a second time & passed. Approved by Mayor Oct. 24. 1863.

Clinton
Street

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Clinton Street from Fulton to Commercial Streets, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Oct. 24. 1863.

Oak
Street

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to repair the gutters and relay the sidewalks of Oak Street from Hudson to Albany Streets, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 24. 1863.

Washington
Street

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Washington Street at its

intersection with Chester Square and Chester Park and construct 613
cesspools therein, and make such changes in the grade of said street as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said street as he shall deem dangerous;
also to close all openings into said street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the city; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Estimated cost six hundred dollars. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 29. 1863.

The bonds of the following Constables having been already approved by the city Treasurer, were also approved by the Board of Aldermen. Joseph L. Brown, John G. Dunbar, William H. Skidstat, Charles J. Merrill, Nathaniel S. Fenwick, Edward G. Richardson, John C. Robinson, Oliver H. Spurr, Henry Taylor, John H. Keron. Approved also by the Mayor October 27. 1863.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the petition of Hook and Ladder Company No 2 for an increase in the number of their members having considered the subject. Report: That on consultation with the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department they are satisfied that the interests of East Boston where this company is situated require that said company should be increased in numbers they therefore submit the accompanying order. For the committee Saml. R. Spinney Chairman. Ordered: That the number of members of Hook and Ladder Company No 2, situated at East Boston be increased from and after November 1st to twenty. Read twice

614 and passed. Approved by the Mayor October 27. 1863.

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Suffolk
Railroad

The Committee on Paving to whom was referred the order of notice of the Board of Aldermen on the proposed removal of track in Tremont Street would report the accompanying order of location for the Suffolk Railroad Company to the Committee. Miles Standish, Chairman. Ordered: That in addition to the right heretofore granted to the Suffolk Railroad Company to lay down track through the streets of the City of Boston, the said Company shall have the further right to lay down a track from their switch near the foot of Tremont Street to the track of the Middlesex Railroad on the westerly side of Scollay's building and thence to run their cars for a short distance on the track of the Middlesex Railroad to a point near the northerly end of said building and thence to construct a track from near the northerly end of said building along the easterly side of said Middlesex track to the present track of the Suffolk Railroad in Court Street northerly of said Scollay's building. This location is under the express proviso and condition that the location of the curved track of rail of Suffolk Rail Road Company from their switch near the foot of Tremont Street through the open space lying southerly of Scollay's building to the track of the Suffolk Railroad lying on the easterly side of said building is hereby discontinued and said Suffolk Railroad Company shall at their own expense take up said curved track between said points after the completion of the track under this location and shall repave where the tracks shall have been so taken up in a manner satisfactory to the Committee on Paving and Superintendent of Streets. Attest, under

the further express proviso and condition, that the Suffolk and
Road Company shall accept this order of location and agree Oct 26. 1863
to its several provisions and conditions within ten days from
the date of its passage and shall file the same with the City
Clerk, otherwise it shall be null and void. Read twice & passed

No person appearing to ob- Allen
ject to the proposed construction of a sewer in Allen Street from
Brighton to Essex Street, said subject was recommended to
the Committee on Sewers. That.

The Superintendent of Sewers Salem, Second,
submitted to the Board schedules of assessments for construc- Bennington
tion of sewers in Salem Street - Second Street - Bennington Street - Fourth St. &
Fourth Street - M. Street - Mercer Street - Summit Avenue and G. Mercer, Summit
Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers Sewers

A notice of a proposed appli- Clark
cation by H. C. Clark and others to the next Legislature for a
charter for a Horse Rail Road Company to run cars from
Charlestown via Boston to Hingham, was read and referred to the
next Board of Aldermen. Horse Railroad.

Ordered: That the wagon licenses Wagon licenses
of Thompson & Co and Furze, both No 16 and the same party
are revoked.

The report and order submit- Lunatic
ted at the last meeting of the Board for the Board of Direc- Hospital
tors for Public Institutions to select a suitable site for a new Lunatic
Hospital were read a second time and postponed for further
consideration to the ninth of November next.

Oct. 26. 1863.

Lunatic
Hospital
Inmate of

Directors for Public Institutions submit to this Board a statement of the number of patients now in the Boston Lunatic Hospital. How many are paupers. How many are boarders, and at what price. the number of boarders who are citizens of Boston. the number of paupers, if any, who have not a settlement in Boston with such other information as they may deem advisable to assist this Board in judging of the necessity for a new Institution.

Primmer
School District.
Primary School

The report and orders relating to the purchase of the Tilder lot for a Primary School House in the Primmer District. and for a Loan of thirty thousand dollars therefor, were taken from the table and specially assigned for Tuesday the third day of November next.

Hawing
Street

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises No 10 Hawing Street caused by stagnant water under building on said premises, belonging to E. H. Gutherie, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by constructing a drain or otherwise draining said building at the expense of said party, who, having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate said nuisance.

Second
Street

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises corner of Second and F. Street, caused by a leaky and defective vault illegally constructed on said premises, belonging to John Wilson, which is dangerous

to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the 617
Superintendent of Health be, and he is, hereby directed to cause Oct. 26. 1863
said nuisance to be abated by clearing the same and con-
structing the same legally, at the expense of said party, who
having been duly notified by him, has neglected to abate
said nuisance.

Leave was granted to William Sharpe. Sharpe.
Sharpe to construct a local hole on Chapman Place and to Jacobs.
David N. Jacobs to construct a local hole at 186 South Main
Street, on conditions passed October 19. 1863.

On petition of Joseph L. Hyde Hyde
to be paid for damages arising from a change of grade in Le-
chester Avenue, the Committee on Paving reported leave to with-
draw. Read and accepted.

Ordered: That there be paid to McGinley
Margaret McGinley the sum of three hundred and twenty five
dollars, in full compensation for any and all claims for damag-
es to her estate on the southwesterly side of Second Street being
the second house southwesterly of 1st Street, caused by the grad-
ing of said street, upon her moving her lot to the said estate
to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon her giving to the
City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and
expenses in consequence of said grading: and the same be
charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Read once.

Ordered, That there be paid to Kelly
John Kelly the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars, in
full compensation for any and all claims for damages to the

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Oct. 20. 1863 building owned by him on the southeasterly side of Second
That being the second building on the said side from F. Street
upon his proving his title to said buildings to the satisfaction
of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an ac-
quittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in
consequence of said grading; and that the same be charged to
the appropriation for Paving &c. Read once.

Kane

Ordered: That there be paid to
Patrick Kane the sum of three hundred and seventy five
dollars, in full compensation for any and all claims for
damages to his estate on the southeasterly side of Second Street
being the third house southeasterly of F. Street caused by the
grading of said Second Street, upon his proving his title to
said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his
giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all dama-
ges, costs and expenses in consequence of said grading; and the
same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Read once.

Kane

Hayes

Ordered: That there be paid to
Patrick Kane and Mary Hayes the sum of two hundred dollars
in full compensation for any and all claims for damages to
their estate numbered 255 Second Street, caused by grading
said Second Street, upon their proving their title to said estate to
the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon their giving to
the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs
and expenses in consequence of said grading; and the same
be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Read once.

Ordered, That there be paid 619.

to Mari Sullivan the sum of Four hundred dollars in full compensation for any and all claims for damages to her estate numbered 253 Second Street caused by grading said street, upon her proving her title to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said grading; and the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Read once.

Ordered, That there be paid O'Harrach

to Joseph O'Harrach the sum of five hundred dollars, in full compensation for any and all claims for damages to his estate numbered 284 Second Street caused by the grading thereof upon his proving his title to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said grading; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Read once.

Ordered: That there be paid Collins

to Mary Collins the sum of four hundred dollars, in full compensation for any and all claims for damages to her estate numbered 262 Second Street caused by grading said street, upon her proving her title to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said grading; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Read once.

Ordered: That there be paid to Mains

Jeremiah Mains the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars in full

220 compensation for any and all claims for damages to his estate numbered 282 Second That, caused by the grading thereof upon his paying his bill to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his going to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said grading and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Sinking &c. And once.

Adjourned to Tuesday November 3rd 1863. at 4 o'clock PM.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Tuesday the third day of November, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Haven and Denio

Shaw.

Six traverse jurors were drawn for the first session of the Superior Court.

Low

Petition of W. A. and S. G. Low for leave to build a stable for more than four horses at No 72 Harrison Avenue. Referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Parsons

Petition of Samuel Parsons & others that a common sewer be laid in India Street from State to Central Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers

for abatement of tax on real estate in Court Street of Poplar. Nov. 3. 1863

for abatement of tax on their real estate Higgins.

of Union Wharf Company, for abatement of tax on their property Boston Theatre.

of Mary Ann Smith for abatement of tax on her estate in Court Union Wharf.

X Referred to the Committee on the Assessors Department on Smith.

the part of the Board of Aldermen.

On nomination by the Mayor Special

the following persons were appointed Special Police Officers of Police

this City - John I. Lamall at Methodist Episcopal Church in

North Russell Street; Samuel G. Linney for duty at East Boston.

On nomination by the Mayor Fire

Samuel P. Pool was admitted a member of Hose Company Department.

Nº 1. David Kinnis a member of the same - and Calvin. Ware

a member of Hook and Ladder Company Nº 3.

Ordered: That due notice India

be given that this Board will, on Monday next, at four Street

o'clock P.M. take into consideration the expediency of construct-

ing a common sewer in India Street between Central and

State Street, and of assessing the expense thereof on all persons,

who may enter their particular drains into such Common

Sewer, or who, by any more remote means, shall receive any

benefit thereby. Any person, making objections thereto, will then

and there be heard.

Whereas, in the opinion of the Central Street

Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants re- Mann. Brewster.

quire that Central Street should be extended it is therefore Jordan.

hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to William A. Henn, Abenja J. Henn, Jervis L. Baman and the Heirs of Baman and all who are interested as owners or occupants on land of such extension that this Board intend to extend the street before mentioned, by taking a portion of their land and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday the ninth day of November instant at four o'clock, P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Williams.

Whereas Nathaniel J. Bradlee has

West Street. given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on West Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said Street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said N. J. Bradlee and Thomas B. Williams as owner of the estate, that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the ninth day of November instant, at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Hayweight

John R. Bradford, Hayweight

or at the North Scale reported that for the quarter ending Oct. 31. he had received seven hundred ninety two dollars and one cent. fifty per cent of which, less expenses, he had paid to the Association for Adult Evening School. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

The City Register reported 623.

that for the quarter ending October 31 he had received and paid for 3163 into the City Treasury, the sum of three hundred and seven and eleven dollars Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed on file.

Ordered: That the President of the Common Council and Messrs Warren, Beeching, Quincy, Haynes, Fisher and Bird be added to the Committee on communication of His Honor the Mayor relative to the Proclamation of the President of the United States for the enlistment of three hundred thousand additional Volunteers. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 4. 1863. Recruiting Committee

Ordered: That the Committee on Recruiting be authorized to cause the building for recruiting purposes provided for in the order passed at the last meeting to be erected at such place as they shall deem expedient. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor November 4. 1863. Recruiting Building

Ordered: That the Committee on Soldiers Relief cause to be paid the same amount of State Aid per month to the families of Soldiers who have been transferred from the Volunteer Service to the Invalid Corps as has heretofore been paid to said families. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and referred to the Committee on Soldiers Family Relief. Sent down for concurrence. November 5. Came up concurred. Invalid Corps

Nov 3/1863
Institution
Ophthalmia

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Institutions be requested to inquire into the condition of the boys in the Institution on Sea Island who are suffering under the effects of Ophthalmia or affection of the eyes, and if in their opinion the cases are aggravated, to have a professional investigation of the cause in order to devise proper means for its remedy, and that they be fully empowered to attend to the same. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Grammar
Schools.
Lower Street.

A communication from the Auditor stating that additional will be required to the appropriation for Grammar Schools and Lower Street Improvement. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Finance. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Fieldhouse

Petition of Thomas Fieldhouse and others that the new School House be located in Saratoga Street. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Instruction. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Hazelden

Petition of N. L. Hazelden for a modification of certain conditions of sale of land on Newton Street. Referred in Common Council to the Board of Land Commissioners. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Boylston
District
Primary School

The Committee on Public Buildings, who were instructed to report the cause of delay in erecting the projected Primary School House on Fort Hill, by leave to state, that, about the time the order for building the School House

were passed, a movement was made in the City Council 625
for the appointment of a City Architect; and as the Committee Nov. 3 1863
anticipated the early passage of an Ordinance creating that
officer, they did not feel authorized to incur the expense of ob-
taining plans in the customary way, at least until that mat-
ter was decided. When the proposed Ordinance was reported, the
Committee set about procuring plans, and having advanced
the matter as rapidly as the peculiar nature of the locality
would admit, they now have to report that the building
will be erected at the earliest moment consistent with
prudence and economy. For the Committee, Daniel Davis, Chair-
man. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up
for concurrence. Read and concurred.

A message was received from the Common Council requesting this Board to return appropriation
to that Branch (if not acting therein) the order requesting a
transfer from the Reserved Fund to the appropriation for the
Common of the sum of \$4,500. Read and thereupon ordered
that said order be taken from the files and transmitted to the
other Branch.

Petition of A. Boschke that Boschke
an appropriation be made in aid of a home for invalid sol-
diers on a plan suggested by him. Referred to the Committee
on Military Affairs. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 5. Came up
concurred.

Proposal from George C. Rand and Avery to do the City Printing at present contract prices.
Referred to the Committee on Printing. Sent down for concurrence.
Nov. 5. Came up concurred.

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Boston

Gas Light Co

Gas Light Company respecting the alleged injury to Boston
 'Hutten' by the fire of Coal Gas from their works therein, and
 denying the truth of such allegation. Referred to the Committee
 on the 'Hutten'. Sent down for concurrence. November 5 came
 up concurred.

Small Pox

Hospital

Ordered: That the Committee
 on Public Buildings be authorized to remove the Small Pox
 Hospital, so called, from its present position near the South City
 Streets to such point on the City Lands as they may deem prop-
 er. The expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for
 Public Buildings. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concu-
 rrence. November 5. Came up concurred. Approved by the
 Mayor Nov. 9. 1863.

Rogers

The Committee on Claims, to
 whom was referred the petition of George C. Rogers to be compens-
 ated for personal injuries sustained by his wife on Northfield
 Street, have considered the same and beg leave to report. That
 they gave the petitioner a partial hearing, after which he
 brought suit against the City and declined to complete the pre-
 sentation of his case. Under these circumstances they recom-
 mend that he leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Eli A. Brown
 Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. No-
 vember 5. Came up concurred.

Revere Street

Primary School

House

Ordered: That the Committee
 on Public Buildings be instructed to inquire whether the build-
 ing situated at the corner of Revere and West End Streets can
 be fitted for an armory for the use of Captain Lewis Gaul's Com-
 pany of Infantry, and that the Committee be authorized to make

Such alterations therein, if any, as shall be necessary to fit 627.
the same for the purpose, the expense to be charged to the appro- Nov. 3. 1863
priation for timers. Read twice and passed. Sent down for con-
currence.

Ordered: That, the following Bill
bills for services rendered or materials furnished by persons to be paid
connected directly or indirectly with the City Government
be paid provided they are approved and allowed in the
usual manner, viz: Hillock and Harlow, forty six dollars and
five cents, seventy one dollar and sixty cents, three hundred
and thirty five dollars and twenty five cents, thirty eight dol-
lars and eighty three cents, fifteen dollars and seventy nine cents.
Fisher and Alden five hundred and ninety six dollars and
twenty five cents, one hundred and seventy dollars and seven-
ty five cents, fifty four dollars and sixty five cents. Garrison. Near
forty six dollars and fifty cents, forty six dollars. Sumner Crosby
five hundred and fifty six dollars and seventy one cents,
eleven dollars and twenty six cents. Nathaniel Adams nine
hundred and ninety five dollars and twenty three cents, two
hundred and four dollars and forty three cents. Mosblack
forty seven dollars and ninety cents. Bonner and Suther-
land, one hundred and twenty two dollars and fifty cents.
William Gallagher, sixty dollars and eighty seven cents. A. W.
Ratl. ninety three dollars, fifty three dollars and sixty cents.
Standish and Woodbury, twenty two dollars and twenty nine
cents. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Novem-
ber 5. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 11. 1863

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Board took up the subject of the proposed purchase of a lot
 of land near Dix Place of J. G. Kidder for the erection of a Kim-
 mers District house therein for the Kimmer District, and the ques-
 tion being on the passage of the order as recorded page 577,
 they were passed as follows: Jas. Aldermen, Mary Clark, Wash-
 ington, Paul Prince, Spinney, Gordon, Tyler & Hayes none. Sent
 down for concurrence

Contractors

bonds

The bonds of David M. R. Dow &
 Elijah Robinson having been already approved by the City Treas-
 urer were also approved by the Board. Approved by the Mayor Nov.
 4. 1863.

Kane

The order submitted at the last
 meeting of the Board to pay Patrick Kane three hundred & seventy
 five dollars for grade damages on Second Street was read a second
 time and passed. Approved by the Mayor November 4, 1863.

Kane & Hayes

The order submitted at the last
 meeting of the Board to pay Patrick Kane and Mary Hayes two
 hundred dollars for grade damages on Second Street, was read
 a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 4, 1863
 (Rescinded on page 744)

Kelly

The order submitted at the last
 meeting of the Board to pay John Kelly one hundred & twenty
 five dollars for grade damages on Second Street was read a
 second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 4, 1863.

McGruley

The order submitted at the last

meeting of the Board to pay Margaret McGauhey three hundred 029.
and twenty five dollars for grade damages on Second Street was Nov. 3 1863
read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor No-
vember 4, 1863.

The order submitted at Sullivan
the last meeting of the Board to pay Mary Sullivan four hundred
red dollars for grade damages on Second Street was read a sec-
ond time and passed. Approved by the Mayor November 4, 1863.

The order submitted at the Collins
last meeting of the Board to pay John Collins five hundred dollars
for grade damages on Second Street was read a second time
and passed. Approved by the Mayor November 4, 1863.

The order submitted at O'Hara's
the last meeting of the Board to pay Joseph O'Hara's five hun-
dred dollars for grade damages on Second Street was read a sec-
ond time and passed. Approved by the Mayor November 4, 1863.

The order submitted at the Mains
last meeting of the Board to pay Jeremiah Mains two hun-
dred and fifty dollars for grade damages on Second Street,
was read a second time and passed. Approved by the
Mayor November 4, 1863.

The Superintendent of the Market.
Market reported to the Board that for the quarter ending Octo- Superintendent
ber 31, he had collected and paid into the City Treasury the
sum of sixteen thousand two hundred and fifty nine dollars
and twenty seven cents. Read and placed on file.

Sept 21st
East Boston
Board

The Common Council having
voted to recommend to the Committee on East Boston for the
Ministry report on that subject which was adopted by this
Board on Sep. 21. 1863, said action came up for concurrence Read
and laid on the table

Sluants

An Ordinance entitled An Ordinance concerning Sluant Children and Absentees from School, being City Doc. No. 9. Passed in Common Council. came up for concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

People's
Ferry Co

A communication from the People's Ferry Company offering to withdraw (if the City Council shall so direct) their boats from the ferry routes for a limited period in order to ascertain the result. Read and laid on the table.

Suffolk
Railroad

On motion of Alderman Standish the Board reconsidered the vote whereby a location of a certain track near Seely's Building was granted to the Suffolk Railroad Company, at the last meeting of the Board and the question being on the passage of said order of location as recorded page 64, it was amended by inserting at A. the following sentence, viz: Also under the further express proviso and condition, that the whole work of laying down the tracks granted under authority of this order of location shall be done under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Committee on Paving and the Superintendent of Streets, and that the form of rail to be used shall be approved by them. Also under the further express proviso and condition that the Board of Aldermen reserve the right to allow any other horse railroad company to run cars

over the tracks located by authority of this order, for such 631.
compensation to be paid to the said Suffolk Railroad Compa- Nov. 3. 1863
ny as may be mutually agreed upon, or in case of disagree-
ment the compensation to be thus paid shall be determined
according to law. Also under the further express proviso and
condition that inasmuch as the Metropolitan, Middlesex and
Suffolk Railroad Companies have respectively agreed in
writing by the signature of the Presidents of the respective com-
panies assent to a plan of tracks to be carried into effect by this
order of location, nothing in this order of location of tracks shall
be construed to impair the obligations which said corporations
have each entered into with the City of Boston for keeping in good
order and complete repair and repaving the streets in which
their tracks are located around "Scollay's Building", so called.
And then said location as amended was adopted. Approved
by the Mayor November 4. 1863.

In reference to the order of this Lunatic
Board on the 26th ult. the Board of Directors for Public Institutions Hospital.
submitted to this Board a communication setting forth fully the
number and conditions of the inmates of the Boston Lunatic
Hospital, and stating the necessity which exists for an enlarg-
ed institution in a new and better location. Laid on the table
and ordered to be printed. (See City Document No 91.)

Whereas, pursuant to an order Franklin
of this Board, passed on the seventh day of May, a common Avenue
sewer has been rebuilt in Franklin Avenue the cost of which
was two hundred and thirty three dollars and forty three cents,
to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to agree-

832 ment: It is therefore Ordered that the persons named in the Schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

Hawley
Street

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the fourth day of May public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been laid in Hawley Street, the cost of which was four hundred and five dollars and forty three cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains three hundred and four dollars and seven cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law. It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names as their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

Fourth
Street

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the twenty eighth day of September public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been laid in Fourth Street, east of G. Street, the cost of which was two hundred and forty eight dollars and forty seven cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains one hundred and eighty six dollars and thirty five cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same,

according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named 633
in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums
therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part
of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be
certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their
tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an order
of this Board, passed on the twenty fifth day of August public
notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been
laid in Second Street, the cost of which was nine hundred and
twelve dollars and one cent, one quarter part whereof being deduc-
ted, to be paid by the said City, there remains six hundred and
eighty four dollars and one cent, to be charged to persons benefi-
ted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the
persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted
as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed,
with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their
proportional part of the expense of the said sewer, and the
same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the
parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Second
Street.

Whereas, pursuant to an
order of this Board, passed on the sixth day of July, a common
sewer has been laid in N. Street, the cost of which was one
hundred and fifty five dollars and seventy cents, one quarter
part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there
remains one hundred and sixteen dollars and seventy eight
cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according
to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Sched-

N.
Street.

604 the house and annex, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and
No 3163 they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein
set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the ex-
pense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be cer-
tified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their
tenants or lessees.

Shawmut
Avenue

Whereas, pursuant to an order of
this Board, passed on the twenty second day of June public
notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer
has been laid in Shawmut Avenue, the cost of which was
three hundred and fifty two dollars and ninety seven cents,
one quarter part being deducted to be paid by the said city,
there remains two hundred and sixty four dollars and seventy
three cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, accord-
ing to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the
Schedule herunto annexed being benefitted as aforesaid, be
and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums there-
in set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the
expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be cer-
tified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their
tenants or lessees.

Salem
Street

Whereas, pursuant to an order
of this Board, passed on the twenty ninth day of June, pub-
lic notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has
been laid in Salem Street, the cost of which was one hundred
and forty nine dollars and twenty one cent, one quarter part
whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said city, there remains
one hundred and seven dollars and ninety one cents to be charg-
ed to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is there-

for Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto 135
annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are Sec. 3. 1862
charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their
respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of
the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and
notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an 9
order of this Board, passed on the eighth day of December 1862. Street.
public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer
has been laid in 9 Street near Fifth Street the cost of which was
one hundred and sixty three dollars and ninety cents, one quar-
ter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City,
there remains one hundred and twenty two dollars and
ninety three cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the
same, according to law. It is therefore Ordered, that the persons
named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted
as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed,
with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their pro-
portional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same
is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties
aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an Mercer
Order of this Board, passed on the twenty fourth day of Au- Street.
gust, public notice thereof having first been given, a common
Sewer has been laid in Mercer Street, the cost of which was
two hundred and ninety one dollars and eighty two cents, one
quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said
City, there remains two hundred and eighteen dollars & eighty

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Nov 5 1863 seven cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportion or part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Bennington
Street

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board passed on the fourth day of May public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been laid in Bennington Street, the cost of which was five hundred and fifty six dollars and ninety seven cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains five hundred and twenty five dollars and twenty three cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Ridgway
Lane.

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the twelfth day of October, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been laid in Ridgway Lane the cost of which was eleven hundred & twenty eight dollars and twenty cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains eight hundred

and forty six dollars and fifteen cents, to be charged to persons 637
benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore ordered, That the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being
benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and as-
sessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as
their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the
same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the par-
ties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

The Middlesex Rail Road | Middlesex
Company filed on the third of November their assent to the change Railroad
of track with the Suffolk Railroad Company in Union Street
as provided for in the recent location granted to the Suffolk Rail
Road Company on the second day of September last.

Copy of proposed application to | Brookline
next Legislature by the Brookline Horse Railroad Company for Railroad
charter to run cars into Boston. Referred to the next Board of Al-
dermen.

Copy of proposed petition to the | Dedham
next Legislature by the Dedham and West Roxbury Railroad West Roxbury
Company for changes in their Charter. Referred to the next Board Railroad
of Aldermen.

On petition of R. B. Bradford for | Bradford
leave to exhibit on State Street a new kind of Army tent and cot,
the Committee on Licenses reported that leave be granted. Read
and accepted.

Leave was granted to Amelia D. | Intelligence
Luce to keep an Intelligence Office at N^o 1 Cambridge Street. Office

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Reed.

On petition of Samuel W. Reed
that a common sewer may be laid in Seventh Street from G. H.
that the Committee on Sewers reported that the petitioners have leave
to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Washington

Street

dead tree.

Ordered: That the Superinten-
dent of Streets be directed to remove the dead tree in the side-
walk on Washington Street between Malden and Dedham
Streets in front of the stable building. Read once

Allen

Street.

Whereas, it appears to this Board
that a necessity exists for the construction of a sewer in Allen
Street, from Brighton to Blossom Street, and that public notice of
such intention has been given, it is hereby Ordered, That the Su-
perintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby directed to construct a
common sewer in said Allen Street, and to report a schedule
of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read once

Votes.

Committee on

Aldermen Spinney and Norcross

were appointed a Committee to examine the return of votes cast
in the several Wards of this City today for State Officers

Adjourned to Thursday next at four o'clock, P. M.

At a meeting of the Board 639

of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Thursday the fifth day of November, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and Aldermen Rice, March, Standish, Spinnay and Norcross.

There being no quorum present the Board adjourned. *No quorum.*

At a Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Friday the sixth day of November, Anno Domini, 1863, at seven o'clock, A.M.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Tyler, Denio, Stevens, Paul, Henshaw.

The Committee appointed to *Vide.*

examine the returns of votes cast in the several Wards of this City on the third instant for State Officers have attended to that Committee.

And respectfully Report That the returns appear to be properly made and their results are correctly recorded in the Book kept for that purpose: from which it appears that the following persons having a plurality of votes have been duly elected Representatives to the next General Court from this City, viz:

Representatives

District 1. John Deacey, Amos Smyth. District 2. Richard Beeching, Frederick Pease, and George T. Sampson. District 3. Edward Riley, John Hancy. District 4. Augustus C. Allen, John Brown. District 5. John Bigelow, Augustine G. Hinson. District 6. Harrison Ritchie, George P. Clapp. District 7. Charles F. McCarthy, Henry W. Fries. District No 8. John S. Tyler, Eben Cutler. District 9. Charles Howell.

180 Samuel A. Spencer. District 10. Ralph T. Bailey, Hotel Kimball. District 11. John A. Dineen, Jonathan A. Lane. District 12. Henry Parker, Edwin Briggs and David C. Whalen. Your Committee recommend that the present chosen Representatives be notified by the City Clerk; and that the proper certificates be prepared and transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Samuel A. Spencer, City Council Committee. Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the ninth day of September, Anne Lemini, 1863.

Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen.

General

Petition of William Hendry for leave to run a line of omnibuses from South Boston through the city to the East Boston ferry. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

Police

petition

Petition of N. G. Davis and other members of the Police Department for an increase of pay. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Webster.

Petition of Webster & Co. and others that increased compensation may be voted to the Police. Referred to the Committee on Police.

Petition of the Boston Soc. 641.

city of Natural History that a portion of the Street Sweeping Nov. 9. 1863
may be placed upon their grounds in this city. Referred to Nat. History Soc.
the Committee on Internal Health.

Petition of John C. Anglen, Baynton, Dinnin,
John C. Monahan, John Dinnin, John Silston, and Arthur Dearhead.
Savings Institution desiring to be compensated for damage to their estate by reason of the change of grade of Second Street. Savings Inst.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of George H. Foster Foster.
and others for leave to erect a waiting tent in Haymarket
Square. Referred to the Committee on Paving with full power.

Whereas, in the opinion of Sudbury
the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants re-
quire that Sudbury Street should be widened, it is therefore
hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to the heirs or assigns
of Jacob Fidd, that this Board intend to widen the street before
mentioned, by taking a portion of their land and laying out
the same as a public street and that Monday, the seventh
day of November instant at four o'clock P.M., is assigned as
the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

No person appearing to object India
to the proposed construction of a sewer in India Street from here
that to State Street, said subject was recommended to the Com-
mittee on Sewers Street

No person appearing to object Chestnut
to the proposed extension of Chestnut Street over land of William
Street.

612. Mann and others said subject was recommended to the
Nov. 9. 1863 Committee on Streets.

West

Street

No person appearing to object
to the proposed widening of West Street by taking land of them
as William, said subject was recommended to the Com-
mittee on Streets

Ballast

Inspectors

Petition of Ballast Inspectors
that their office expenses may be assumed by the City. Referred
in Common Council to the Committee on the Harbor.
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Beschke

The Committee on Military Affairs
to whom was referred the petition of A. Beschke, Esq. for
an appropriation for a home for invalid soldiers, having con-
sidered the subject now report. That the object contemplated
by the petitioner seems to pertain most properly to some one of
the charitable associations which have been formed for the pur-
pose of giving permanent or temporary relief to wounded
and invalid soldiers. At present there is no appropriation
made by the City Government, applicable to such purposes,
and therefore, without considering maturely the merits of
the proposed plan, the Committee recommend that the peti-
tioner move leave to withdraw. John J. Tyler, Chairman. Read
and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. November 12. Came
up concurred.

Auditor's

clock hire

Ordered: That the allowance
for clock hire in the Auditor's Office from April 1st 1863, be at
the rate of thirty three hundred dollars per annum. In Com-
mon Council. Referred to Messrs. Fitch, Drake and Allen with

Such as the Board of Aldermen may join. Came up for con- 643.
currence. Read and concurred and Aldermen Standen and
Kiercross were joined. Nov. 9. 1863

The City Clerk reported that city
he had received and paid into the City Treasury for the last Clerk.
quarter, two hundred and forty dollars and forty seven cents.
Sent down In Common Council. Placed on file

Petition of Robert Ewan of Low Ewan
all that the bounty to which his minor son Thomas was entitled
to receive from the City of Boston for enlistment in the forty eighth
Massachusetts Regiment in 1862, may be paid to him. Referred
to the Committee on Boston Volunteers. Sent down for concurrence.
Nov. 12. Came up concurred

Petition of Drivers of the Steam Drivers of
Fire Engines for an increase of pay. Referred in Common Steam Fire
Council to Messrs Fitch, Cutler and Logan with such as the Engines
Board of Aldermen may join. Came up for concurrence. Read
and concurred, and Aldermen Rice and Spinney were joined.

The Committee on Public East Boston
Instruction to whom was referred an order to inquire and Ferries
report whether or not a petition in relation to the East Boston
Ferries, was introduced into any Public School of this City for
the purpose of procuring signatures thereto, and if so, by whose
authority, now Report: That a copy of the order was sent by
the Committee to the Master of each of the public schools in
ward 2, accompanied by a request for information, and the
following answers have been received. - 1. From P. W. Bartlett,

648 of the Adams School. A petition asking the City to purchase
Nov. 9. 1863 one or both of the farms, was handed to me with the request
that it be circulated in this School. After consulting the Chair-
man of our District Committee, I submitted it to the pupils of
the two upper classes, stating it was a petition for the City to buy
one or both of the farms, and they would do just as they
pleased about signing it. About 100 signatures were obtained.
These are the facts within my knowledge bearing on the mat-
ter inquired about in the order of the Common Council. 2^d From
J. H. Reed, of the Chapman School. Some weeks since, Mr. Maynard,
Superintendent of the Peoples Ferry, sent me a petition, concerning
the children, he invited the teachers and pupils in the school, if they
permitted the petition, to sign it; it was signed by myself and the
teachers and pupils in the main building generally, I think, and
returned to him the same afternoon, as he stated it would
probably be read that evening in the Common Council. The
signatures were all annexed to the printed petition before it
was returned." 3^d From M. Lincoln of the Lyman School.
Such a petition as you allude to, was sent me by the Super-
intendent of the Peoples Ferry, with a request for my pupils
signatures, but once consulted the Chairman of my Committee
in reference to it, as he had no objection to the request, I circu-
lated the petition. The Committee have not thought it necessary
to extend the inquiry to the schools in other Wards. John F. Tyler,
Chairman. Read, accepted and ordered to be transmitted to the
Board of School Committee. Sent down for concurrence

Peoples
Ferry

On motion of Alderman Stevens
the Board took from the table the communication of the Peoples

ferry company in which said ferry company proposed with 675
consent of the City Government to withdraw their boats for the Nov 9 1863
present and thereupon the same gentleman submitted the
following order. Ordered: That leave be hereby granted to the
People's Ferry Company to suspend the running of their boats
for the term of three months for repairs or otherwise, provided that
by so doing the present existing rights as between the City of
Boston and the People's Ferry Company are in no way affected
thereby. Read and referred to Aldermen Clark, Fenshaw and Ser-
cross with such as the Common Council may join with instruc-
tions to obtain the opinion of the City Solicitor thereon. Sent
down for concurrence. Nov. 12. Came up concurred. Messrs. Backing, Ham-
lin, Richardson, Morse, Ryan were joined.

Ordered: That the City Engineer
and the Superintendent of Sewers be requested to give to the
City Council their respective opinions in print on the subject
of the proposed drainage of the Back Bay and the expediency
of adopting the plan proposed for such drainage in City Document
N^o 81 for 1863. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence.
Nov. 12. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 13. 1863.

Back Bay
drainage

The Committee on laying out & Sewers.
widening Streets to whom was referred the petition of the Superin- hot yard
tendent of Sewers for additional room for deposit of loads, materi-
als, and suggesting the use of a piece of land on Fruit Street,
respectfully report, that owing to the locality of the said land
and its connection and use to the City, this committee believe
it to be a matter appropriate for the investigation of the Com-
mittee on Public Buildings, and now recommend its reference

646 to that committee. For the Committee, Elias Rice, Chairman.
Nov. 9. 1863 Read and accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for
concurrence. November 12. Came up concurred.

Bayston
Primary School and the body is authorized to borrow under the direction of
the Committee on Finance the sum of five thousand dollars
the same to be added to the ~~four~~ to be added to the appo-
sition for the erection of the Primary School House in the Bay-
ston District. Passed in Common Council, Yeas 34. Nays none.
Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas. Alder-
men: Henry Clark, Greenhouse, Harsh, Newell, Paul, Rice, Spin-
ney, Standish, Tyler, Stern. 11. Nays none. Absent Alderman Dan-
is. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 11. 1863.

Juveniles. On motion of Alderman Nor-
cross the Board took from the table the ordinance in relation
to Juvenile children and Absentees from School, and the question
being on the passage of the same it was adopted in concu-
rence. Approved by the Mayor November 9. 1863. See record of Ord-
nances.

Allen
Street The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Sewers to
construct a sewer in Allen Street from Brighton to Blossom
Street was read a second time and passed. Approved by the
Mayor November 11. 1863.

Washington
Street The order submitted at the
last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to
remove a dead tree from Washington Street between Maiden and
Dedham Streets was read a second time and passed. Ap-

moved by the Mayor, Nov. 11, 1863.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to repair Federal Street between Channing Street and Williams Street and reduce the width of the sidewalk on the easterly side thereof to nine feet, and make such changes in the grade of said street, as he shall deem necessary, and remove all such projections on the line of said street as he shall deem dangerous; also to close all openings into said street, which are not secured in accordance with the Ordinances of the City; and those which are so much out of repair as to be liable to become dangerous, and which the owners or occupants have refused to repair after due notice to that effect. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor November 11, 1863.

Ordered: That the Chief of Police be directed to notify Samuel Whitwell and John William owners of estates numbered 94, 96, 98, 100, 102 and 104 Federal Street, to forthwith reduce the width of the granite sidewalk in front of said estates to nine feet and reduce the width of the coal holes under said sidewalk covered by the granite stones to the same width. In default thereof the Superintendent of Streets is directed to cause said granite sidewalk and coal holes to be reduced to the size above set forth and the expense of said work to be charged to the aforesaid owners of the respective estates.

The Common Council having reconsidered the vote whereby on the 22^d of October last that branch non-concurred in the order of the Board appropriating seven thousand five hundred dollars to the Common by a

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Federal Street.

Federal Street.

Whitwell.

William.

Common

appropriation.

648 withdrawal of that amount from the Reserved Fund: said
Nov. 9, 1863 Council passed said order in concurrence. Voted 34. May 1. Ap-
proved by the Mayor Nov. 9, 1863

Council
of Men Notice was received from the
Council of the City that a vacancy exists in that body oc-
casioned by the resignation of John Pratt of Ward 14 he hav-
ing been chosen Secretary of that Ward. Read and laid
on the table.

Mortgage
discharged Ordered: That the Mayor be
and he is hereby authorized to discharge the Mortgage giv-
en to the city by Henry M. White on a lot of land in Framing-
ham May 23^d 1859, the note for which said Mortgage was giv-
en having been fully paid. Read twice and passed.

Lunatic
Hospital On motion of Alderman Norcross
the order authorizing the Directors of Public Institutions to se-
lect a new site for the Lunatic Hospital was taken up and
its further consideration was assigned for Monday next.

Suffolk
Railroad. A notice of the acceptance by the
Suffolk Railroad Company of the location granted to said com-
pany on November fourth instant was filed with the city clerk
on the sixth instant. Said location was accepted by the Suffolk
Railroad Company on November fifth.

Boston Gas
Light Co. The Committee on Paving to
whom was referred the petition of the Boston Gas Light Company
for leave to raise the grade of the sidewalk on the westerly
side of the Boston and Worcester Railroad bridge on Tremont
Street, would report that leave be granted so far as the City's

rights are concerned to raise the grade of the sidewalk of said bridge not exceeding twelve inches above the present level of the roadway of said bridge under the direction and to the satisfaction of the Committee on Sewing and the Superintendent of Streets, but this permission shall not be construed as a permission to cross said structure without the consent of the Boston and Worcester Railroad Company who are liable to keep in repair and maintain the said bridge, nor in any way to impair the rights of said corporation, or release it from any obligation to maintain and keep in repair said bridge. For the Committee, L. Miles Handish, Chairman. Read and accepted. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 11. 1863.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police be directed to notify the owners and abutters on Chapman Street between Washington Street and Suffolk Street who have not laid their sidewalks with brick, to lay their sidewalks with brick within twenty days. And that, in default thereof, the same will be done by the City, at their expense, according to law. Chapman Street.

On motion of Alderman Prince the Board took from the table the report and order in relation to the drainage of the Back Bay lands and the further consideration of the subject was especially assigned to Monday next. Back Bay Drainage

Ordered: That Mr. James B. Francis of Lowell, the Superintendent of Sewers, and the City Engineer be requested to appear before this Board on Monday next to answer any questions on the subject of Back Bay Drainage that any member of the Board may propose. Read twice & passed. Francis. Sup.^t of Sewers. Engineer.

On petition of Edward J. Brown and
 others that Albany Street, south of Love Street, may be com-
 menced at the Committee on Paving reported that the work is advanc-
 ing as fast as is practicable. Read and accepted.

Prescott

On petition of William A. Prescott for
 leave to open a cellar doorway at No 452 Commercial Street, the
 Committee on Paving reported that leave be granted if the peti-
 tioner will place a stone curb around the doorway. Read and
 accepted.

Second hand

articles

Philip Nason was licensed as a
 dealer in Second Hand Articles at No 4 Causeway Street.

Field

Leave was granted to W. A. Field &
 others to give a public exhibition of Tamar Lill at Hads Hall on
 the eleventh instant.

Norton.

Appleton and

Chambers

Streets.

On petition of J. L. Norton and others
 that Appleton and Chambers Streets may be accepted, the Com-
 mittee on Paving reported that it is inexpedient at the present time.
 Read and accepted.

Richards

On petition of Calvin A. Richards &
 others that Chester Place may be accepted, the Committee on Pav-
 ing reported that it is inexpedient at the present time. Read and
 accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board 651
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Nov. 10. 1863
Monday the sixteenth day of November, Anno Domini, 1863
Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Fen-
shaw and Hamlish

Petition of Elizabeth McKaine McKaine
to be compensated for damages sustained by the recent
change of grade in Second Street. Referred to the Committee
on Paving.

On nomination by the Mayor Police
Frank W. Estes and Aaron Lincoln were appointed Police Officers
of this City with all the powers of Constables except the power
of serving and executing civil process.

On nomination by Constables
the Mayor William Hastings and W. J. Kelly were ap-
pointed and confirmed as Constables of this City.

On nomination by the Special
Mayor the following persons were appointed and confirm-
ed as Special Police Officers of this City viz: Franklin West
on board Henry Morrison Steamer, William Learned at Old
South Church, James A. Clark and John Foster at Fitchburg
Railroad Station.

The Middlesex Rail Middlesex
Road Company filed with the City Clerk on the 12th instant Railroad
their assent to a change of tracks with the Suffolk Railroad
Company at the head of North Street and the foot of Parkhill,
as provided in City Document N^o 72.

Nov. 16. 1863 Notice was received from the School Committee that vacancies exist in that body caused by the resignations of David P. Kimball of Ward 3, and of John C. Stockbridge of Ward 6. Read and placed on file.

School House
Teachers Petition of the janitors of the several School Houses for an increase of their compensation. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings. Sent down for concurrence November 19. Came up concurred.

Sudbury
Street No person appearing to object to the proposed widening of Sudbury Street by taking land of the heirs of Jacob Tild, the subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets.

Lake Shore
& Michigan
Railroad Petition of Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad Company for leave to hire the room in the southwestern corner of the Old State House. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Buildings. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Treasurer's
Clerk hire Ordered: That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars be paid to the City and County by Treasurer to defray the expense of extra clerk hire in his office, and the same be charged to the appropriation for Salaries. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, November 17. 1863.

Recruiting
Fund Ordered: That the Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to borrow under the direction

of the Committee on Finance, the sum of Fifty Thousand 653
Dollars, the same to be appropriated to Recruiting purposes Nov 16. 1863
and to be expended under the direction of the Committee
on Recruiting. Passed in Common Council. Yeas 41. Nays none. Scan
came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Yeas Alder-
men Tracy, Clark, Denio, Marsh, Newcomb, Paul, Pierce, Spinney,
Stevens and Tyler 10. Nays none. Approved by the Mayor Novem-
ber 17. 1863.

The Common Council hav- Ferry
ing ordered the report of the Committee on Public Instruction petition
on the circulation of the East Boston Ferry petition in the Gram-
mar Schools of that Ward - to be recommitted with instructions
to investigate the subject and report thereon said order came
up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

A resolve of the Com- Internal
mon Council that, in their opinion, the pay of the workmen Health
in the Internal Health Department known as the weekly men laborer pay
and of those who do not now receive more than thirty-
five dollars per month - came up to this Board. Read and
referred to the Committee on Internal Health.

Ordered: That the Committee Ward Room
on Public Buildings be and they hereby are authorized and for Recruiting
directed to prepare forthwith, for use by the Ward recruiting
officers appointed by the Mayor, such of the Ward-rooms as
can properly be used for recruiting purposes and to provide and
fit up other rooms in wards where the ward-rooms are un-
suitable, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for re-
cruiting. Passed in Common Council came up for concur-

1854 once read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Nov.
Nov. 16. 1863. ber 17. 1863.

Coal - tar
Harbor.

The Committee on the Harbor
who were ordered to advertise for proposals for removing the
Coal Tar and other substances which have accumulated
in Charles River below the bridge, having done so now report.
That Mr. S. Beschke proposes to remove said accumulations for
the sum of four hundred dollars, on condition that he shall
have the benefit of whatever he can obtain for the Coal Tar
or he may raise. The Committee have received no other propo-
sals although several parties have made inquiries, and exam-
ined the sketch of the locality in the hands of the Chairman.
The Committee recommend the adoption of the following order.
John A. Tyler, Chairman. Ordered: That the sum of four hun-
dred dollars be paid to S. Beschke, Esquire, and charged to the
appropriation for the Harbor whenever he shall have removed
the mass of Coal Tar which has accumulated in Charles River
below the bridge. It being understood that said Beschke is to
have for his own benefit whatever value there may be in said
Coal Tar, and that he is to bear all the expenses, and to receive
no part of said sum of four hundred dollars until the work
is completed to the satisfaction of the Committee on the Harbor.
Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. November
17. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Nov. 20. 1863.

Constable's
bond.

The Bond of Henry C. Stratton
a constable of this city, having been already approved
by the City Treasurer was also approved by the Board. Ap-
proved by the Mayor November 17. 1863.

Whereas, by a resolve, passed 655.

in September last past, a certain parcel of land, therein de-
scribed, was taken to extend Napier Street, and the same was
laid out as a public street or way of said City, it is therefore
Ordered That due notice be given to Horace S. Gorham, W. S.
Gorham, and the Trustees of Henry Farnham, and all other
persons interested as owners, proprietors, tenants, occupants, or
otherwise, in said land, that they cut off, pull down, remove
and carry away all buildings, erections and obstructions of
every sort standing on and projecting over the line of said
Napier Street as established by the resolve aforesaid, to move
and set back the same to the said line, and vacate and
surrender the land and premises taken as aforesaid, on
or before the twenty fifth day of November now next ensue-
ing. And in default thereof, the Chief of Police is hereby di-
rected and empowered forthwith to enter upon said land, and
cause all buildings, erections and obstructions standing on
and projecting over the line of said Napier Street, as estab-
lished by the Resolve aforesaid, to be cut off, pulled down, re-
moved and carried away, or to be moved and set back to
said line, and the said land to be vacated and surrendered
under the direction of the Committee on laying out and
widening streets.

Ordered, That the Chief of Police
be directed to notify the East Boston Company to erect a suit-
able fence of rails, boards or other materials around the lot
owned by them on the corner of Border and Border Street
within ten days in accordance with the provisions of Section
9 of the Ordinance in relation to Streets passed April 20, 1863.

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Napier
Street.

Gorham.

Farnham

East Boston
Company.
Border & Border
Street.

656 In default thereof the said fence will be erected by the Super-
- Nov 16 1863 intendent of Health at the cost of said Company.

Leav

The Committee on Internal

Stable

Health to whom was referred the petition of W. S. and J. B. Leav
for leave to build a stable for more than four horses at 72 Harrison
Avenue have attended to the duty assigned them and report
that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, upon the following
condition viz: that a good and sufficient drain shall be
constructed for the purpose of conveying all waste water from
the premises. For the Committee, Moses Clark, Chairman. Read
accepted.

Everett

Stable

Agreeably to the report of the
Committee on Internal Health leave was granted to P. L. Ever-
ett to erect a stable for more than four horses on Shawmut Av-
enue, provided, it be built of brick with a slated roof.

Bradley

Kerosene Acid

Agreeably to the report of the
Committee on Internal Health leave was granted to William
L. Bradley to transport "Spent Kerosene Acid" through the
streets of this city when the party shall have procured a
vehicle water tight for the purpose of such transportation.

Locherty

The Committee on Internal

Health to whom was referred the petition of Ross Locherty for
a hearing upon former petition to abate an assessment laid
on Unity Court, have attended to the duty assigned them, and
report that upon a review of former application, they see no
reason why the decision of former Committee (leave to with-

draw/ should be reversed, for the Committee. Notes blank. 657

Read and accepted.

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Resolved, That the safety & Sudbury

convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that Sudbury Street should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to the Heirs of Jacob Tidd bounded as follows, viz: Northwardly by the proposed line of widening of Sudbury Street, there measuring forty two feet and $\frac{92}{100}$; Northeastwardly by the division line between the said Tidd estate and estate of the Heirs of George Castle extended Southeastwardly from the proposed line of widening, thirteen feet and $\frac{58}{100}$; Southeastwardly by the present line of Sudbury Street thirty nine feet and $\frac{92}{100}$; and Southwestwardly by the same and by land formerly taken of Albert and Emeline Phipps to widen said street thirteen feet and $\frac{34}{100}$: containing five hundred and forty six square feet and $\frac{65}{100}$, more or less. A portion of the above land being the same parcel which is described in a Resolve to widen said street, dated August 4th 1862, by taking a parcel of land belonging to the Heirs of Ruth Tidd. It since having been discovered that the fee of the said parcel of land was not, at that time, vested in the Heirs of Ruth Tidd, but in the Heirs of Jacob Tidd; also, that the true boundaries of the said estate were not correctly understood at that time. And whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is taken and

652 laid out as a public street or way of the said City - according
Nov 16 1863 to a concluded plan of the said widening made by S. Henry
Craft, City Engineer, dated October 10th 1863 and deposited
in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this
Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the
said Southbury Street, as aforesaid, will amount to twenty
five hundred dollars; which sum, together with the am-
ount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances
in said street, during the present municipal year, does not
exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Read twice & passed.
Approved by the Mayor Nov. 17. 1863.

Suffolk
Railroad

A notice from the Suffolk
Rail Road Company of their intention to petition the
next Legislature - that the City be allowed to purchase
tracks of the Suffolk and Metropolitan Rail Road mak-
ing the circuit of Boylston, Tremont, Cornhill and Wash-
ington Streets - that the Suffolk Rail Road cars may run
to the South end and to extend their own tracks to other
portions of the City - also for leave to run cars to Worcester &
East Colony Rail Road Stations - and to purchase and main-
tain a Ferry to East Boston and for other privileges. Read
and referred to Aldermen Amory, Norcross, Stevens, Stand-
ish and Tyler, with instructions to consult the City Solicitor
thereon.

Lunatic
Hospital

The consideration of the sub-
ject of the purchase of a site for the Lunatic Hospital, as-
signed for this day, was further assigned for Monday next
at five and a half o'clock, P.M.

Agreeably to assignment 659.

the Board took up the subject of the drainage and grade of the Back Bay Tract and pursuant to notice James B. Francis, Esq. of Lowell, A. Henry Crafts, City Engineer, & James Slade, one of the Back Bay Commissioners, appeared and stated to the Board their respective views upon the proper method of draining the territory in question - after a discussion upon the merits of the subject, its further consideration was assigned to Monday next at five o'clock, P.M.

Nov 10. 1863
Back Bay
drainage

The Special Committee to whom were referred a petition of the Peoples Ferry Company asking leave of the City to withdraw their Boat for a season - and also an order granting said leave to that Ferry Company to suspend the running of their Boat for three months for repairs; with instructions to consult the City Solicitor thereon, respectfully Report. That they have attended to that duty and they report the opinion of the City Solicitor herewith - from which it will be perceived that said order ought not pass and that the petitioners should have leave to withdraw. For the Committee, Moses Clark, Chairman. The question being on the acceptance of said report, on motion of Alderman Stevens the subject was laid on the table.

Peoples Ferry
boat

Alderman Stevens then submitted to the Board the following order - viz: Ordered: That the Peoples Ferry Company shall not forfeit any rights which they now have under or by virtue of any contract or contracts with the City of Boston by suspending the running of their boat for any term of time not extending beyond the first day of

Peoples Ferry
boat

660 March next and that upon the resumption of the trips of
Nov. 16. 1863 the trade before that time every contract between said corpora-
tion and the City of Boston shall be as valid and effectual
as if no such Suspension had taken place. Read and referred
to Aldermen Clark, Gresham, and Norcross with such as the Com-
mon Council may join, with authority to consult the City Solicitor
thereon. Sent down for concurrence. Nov. 19. Came up concurred
and Messrs Peckham, Cumston, Richardson, Allen & Ryan
were joined.

Marvin

Petition of J.R. Marvin & others

Printing

printers that increased compensation be granted to the City
Printers. Read and sent down. In Common Council. Placed
on file.

Printing

The Committee on Printing
to whom was referred the petition of the City Printers, that
the Printing Contract should be so modified, that fifty-five
cents the thousand ems should be allowed instead of thirty-
five, and for the press-work seventy-five cents per token, instead
of sixty, gave the petitioners a hearing, as also certain peti-
tioners in aid, representing the journey men printers of the City.
At a subsequent day two several remonstrants appeared, and
were heard against the prayer of said petitioners being granted.
To meet the requirements of their assumed duties, the printers en-
larged their establishment and incurred expenses, enabling
them to perform their work to the satisfaction of the City Coun-
cil; and with a moderate profit, so long as affairs contin-
ued in their usual course. This outcry would be, for the
most part, lost to them if they now gave up their contract. They
have indulged the hope that better times would come, in some

measure relieving the present loss. When repeatedly urged to do so
throw themselves upon the generosity of the City Council, they Nov. 16. 1863
have refused on the ground that they entered voluntarily
into the arrangement, and would patiently meet the alter-
native, which if enforced was still among its possibilities. They
have employed the best workmen to be procured, and ac-
commodated themselves to the shifting pressure of the City
Printing, without sparing any effort to please, and with
an untiring effort to satisfy the demands of a difficult du-
ty. They would have continued of this mind, but for the de-
clared intention of their workmen to leave their employment
unless the present scale of compensation, about twelve dol-
lars a week for the most expert, should be raised. The discon-
tent appears so universal that there is no hope of replacing
them, even with inferior workmen, should that design be
carried out. The present great and growing divergence of
the currency from the specie point, and the enhanced cost
of all articles of subsistence, with the void in the labor market
occasioned by the demands of the army, are of unusual oc-
currence. In most instances wages, as well as commodities,
have already accommodated themselves to the currency; and
there are few of the City contracts which are of a nature to
warrant any modification. The City Printing is of such mag-
nitude as to have a marked influence upon the general
rates of compensation. Other printers are willing to raise
their wages if Messrs. Furwell & Company will set them the
example. They cannot afford to do this while their contract
prices are paid in paper currency. It is for the City Council to
decide whether the character of the City for fair dealing does not

662 demand, under the circumstances, some approach to that
Nov. 16. 1863 original standard by which the contract was made; and if
not now, at what stage of depreciation, conscience would com-
pel an equitable allowance. That would be the effect of a gen-
eral strike throughout the City of the journeymen printers, needs no
suggestion from us. Remondtians, formerly City Printers, expressed
to the Committee their readiness to take the contract if given up.
Even when the stipulated prices fall short of reasonable remun-
eration, the Municipal Printing of other places is attracted to the
Office where our City work is done, and this incidental advant-
age is an inducement to undertake it even at a loss. If the question
be simply whether we shall take advantage of this competition to
refuse equivalents stipulated when the contract was made, we
think there can be but one opinion. If there are any other considera-
tions involved to control our action, it is for the City Council to de-
termine. The majority of the Committee, satisfied that some extra al-
lowance would be reasonable, while the currency continues in
its present state of inflation, recommend the passage of the order
annexed. It leaves with the City Council the full power of re-estab-
lishing the present scale of prices, whenever they deem it advisable.
If the currency should be restored to its normal condition, there
would be an immediate propriety in doing so. That C. H. May, Jr.
Harris C. Fitch. Ordered: That fifty cents instead of thirty five cents
the thousand ems, and seventy cents instead of sixty cents for
press work per line, be allowed. Messrs J. E. Farrell & Co., City Printers,
so long as specie remains at or above twenty-five per cent. premi-
um, or until otherwise ordered by the City Council. Read once
(See City Document No 95).

The undersigned, a minority 663

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Printing

Minority
report.

of the Committee on Printing, would call to the attention of the City Council his reasons for differing from the report of the majority of the Committee. 1. A contract exists with the petitioners, by which they have agreed to do the City Printing for a term of years, at certain stipulated rates. When the contract was made with them, the City was at no loss for printers who could do its work properly. On the contrary the printing was being executed by a responsible firm, who for years had done it in a satisfactory manner, and at prices even more favorable than those now paid. These petitioners came forward and urged that the contract be transferred to them. They were anxious to secure it; were glad to have it renewed for a term of years, and from this it is fair to conclude it was a desirable and profitable contract. 2. If the contract of the petitioners, in the altered state of affairs, is a losing one, the only fair course for them to adopt is to come before the City Government and ask to be relieved of it. Then, if the contract is really found to be burdensome, the City can, if it choose, release the petitioners from it, and throw the City Printing open to all parties for new bids, thus showing favoritism to none. In other words, if Messrs. Furrie & Co. dislike their contract, and the City is willing to release them from it, let fair play be done, and others have a chance as well as they in new bids to form the basis of a new contract. But these petitioners do not propose to give up their contract under any circumstances. The fair inference is, that their contract is a profitable one, even now. Before the Committee they threatened, that if their request for increased prices was not granted, they should feel obliged to annoy and perplex the City by employing an inferior class of workmen. This threat should have no weight

664 with the City Council for it is entirely in the power of the City to
Nov. 16. 1863. nullify the contract at any time it is dissatisfied with the man-
ner in which the work is performed. The threat simply indicates
that the petitioners, while not inclined to relinquish their con-
tract, are disposed to violate it. 3. Is the contract even in the pres-
ent state of affairs, an undesirable or unprofitable one? The
fact that the petitioners are not willing to relinquish it, has al-
ready been referred to as proving the negative. It should be further
stated that Mr. Avery appeared before the Committee and testi-
fied to the willingness of Messrs. Rand and New to contract for
the City Printing at present rates. He was satisfied the con-
tract was a profitable one. No member of the City Council
can doubt the ability of Messrs. Rand and New, who for
five years performed the City Printing to the satisfaction of
all, to fulfill any contract they might make. There also
appeared before the Committee Mr. Fred Mudge represent-
ing a well-known and responsible firm, and testified that
in his opinion the contract was a profitable one; and that
if he could get it for three years, he had no doubt he would
be desirous to take it at present rates. In the light of this
testimony, but one of two conclusions can be arrived at,
viz: that the petitioners have not facilities equal to those of
others for doing the City Printing, or else they have not fairly
stated the case in representing their contract to be losing one.
In view of these considerations, the undersigned would recom-
mend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Respectfully
submitted, John C. Haynes. Read once. (See City Document 95.)

Ordered: That the time for 665.

the commencement of the repairing of Washington Street, Lock Square, Court Street and Timent Row at the cost of the Mid-Mass Railroad Company as required by orders of the Board of Aldermen June 9, 1863, for reasons set forth in a communication from said company to the Committee on Paving, be extended to May 1, 1864 and that the work be commenced at that time. Read once.

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Washington,

Court Street.

Lock Square.

Timent

Row.

Ordered: That the time for the commencement of the repairing of Green Street, Bowdoin Square and Court Street at the cost of the Suffolk Railroad Company as required by orders of the Board of Aldermen June 3, 1863, for reasons set forth in a communication from said company to the Committee on Paving, be extended to May 1, 1864, and that the work be commenced at that time. Read once.

Green Street

Court Street.

Bowdoin

Square.

Suffolk R.R.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets in repairing Congress Street between Hindall and Milk Street, and Water Street between Congress and Kilty Street as per orders of the Board of Aldermen Aug. 18, 1863, be authorized to repave the same with "trap Rock Blocks." Read once.

Congress

Street.

Water Street

The Committee on Finance

Fire

having duly considered the within communication from the Committee on the Fire Department, respectfully recommend to the City Council the passage of the annexed order. For the Committee, J. W. Lincoln, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That ten thousand dollars be transferred from the Reserved Fund and be added to the appropriation for the Fire Department. Read once.

Department

appropriation

The enclosed communication
 Nov. 16. 1863 from the Auditor of Accounts having been duly considered by
 Grammar the Committee on Finance, it was voted to recommend to
 Schals the City Council to pass the order annexed. For the Committee,
 Lower Street. F. W. Lincoln, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That the Treasurer be hereby
 Loan authorized to borrow, under the direction of the Committee on
 Finance, not to exceed five thousand dollars; and that twenty five thousand
 and if it be added to the appropriation for Grammar Schals, and
 in balance to the appropriation for Lower Street. Read once

Natural History
 Society.

The Committee on Internal
 Health to whom was referred the petition of the Natural History
 Society that a portion of the Street Sweepings may be placed on
 their grounds around their Institution, reported, that there will
 be required seventy nine square of street sweepings and in ad-
 dition to this cost there will be also required one hundred and
 fifty eight square of earth filling at a cost of four dollars and
 fifty cents per square, amounting to seven hundred and eleven
 dollars. Read and thereupon Ordered: That the Committee on
 Internal Health be directed to furnish the Street Sweepings and
 earth for the grading of the grounds around the Buildings of
 the Natural History Society. Read once

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board 667.

of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Nov. 23. 1863
Monday the twenty third day of November, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Four Grand and three Jurors
Petit jurors drawn for the United States District Court.

Petition of L. C. Whitman Whitman
to be compensated for damages sustained to her estate at
259 Second Street caused by a change of grade therein. Re-
ferred to the Committee on Paving.

Petition of Nathaniel Foster, Foster.
Jr. to be paid for damages sustained by his house in Village
Street caused by a change of grade in Chapman Street. Refer-
red to the Committee on Paving.

Application of Thomas Gogin Gogin.
for leave to move a wooden building from Lorchester Avenue
to Lorchester Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving with
full power.

Petition of the Juvenile Offi- Juvenile
cers of this City for an increase of their Salaries. Referred to
the Committee on Police officers.

Petition of Josiah Perham & Perham
others for use of Faneuil Hall on the sixteenth of December
next for a meeting in aid of invalid soldiers. Referred to
the Committee on Faneuil Hall.

On nomination by the Mayor Constables
John A. Warren and Ephraim W. Farr were appointed and

668 confirmed as Constables of this City.

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Council

A petition was presented to the Board by an individual styling himself "George, the Grant Scanned," in which he requests that his name and title be entered upon the Voting List of Ward VIII: Read and thereupon it was voted that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

The

Department.
appropriation

The order submitted to the Board on the sixteenth instant for the transfer of ten thousand dollars from the Reserve Fund to the appropriation for the Fire Department, was read a second time and passed. Yeas, Aldermen Amory, Clark, Andrews, March, Stevens, Rice, Spinney, Standish, Stevens. Nays 10. Nays none. Sent down for concurrence. December 3. Came up concurred. Yeas 35. Nays none. Approved by the Mayor December 4. 1863

Grammar

Schools.

Lower Street.

Loan.

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for a Loan of forty five thousand dollars twenty five thousand to be added to the appropriation for Grammar Schools, and the balance to the appropriation for Lower Street, was read a second time and passed. Yeas Aldermen Amory, Clark, Davis, Andrews, March, Stevens, Rice, Spinney, Standish, Stevens and Tyler. 12. Nays none. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 3. Came up concurred. Yeas 33. Nays none. Approved by the Mayor, December 4. 1863.

Rowe's
Wharf.

The Committee on the Harbor to whom was referred the petition of Rowe's Wharf Corporation in relation to the filling up of the Dock on the South Side of said wharf, into which a common sewer enters, having con-

fully considered the matter respectfully Report: That they 669.
deemed it of importance to give this petition all the attention Nov. 23. 1863
it merits, not only from a desire to accord a full indemnity to
these petitioners, if they have any just claims upon the City
Government, but, because the case may be a precedent for other
claims of like description. Indeed it is now urged by these peti-
tioners that the City assumed and paid part of the expense of dig-
ging out the Lock between Long and Central Wharves, several
years ago, which the petitioners aver has established a principle
that should govern in this instance. The Committee determined
to avail themselves of the assistance of A. Boschke, Esquire whose
thorough examination of the Harbor, has enabled him to supply
facts, and to deduce conclusions therefrom which may be relied
upon. Mr. Boschke has prepared a report addressed to the Chair-
man of the Committee under date of the 29 Octo. ultimo, which
has been submitted to General Totten and Admiral Davis, U.S.
Commissioners on Boston Harbor, and by them approved. From
this Document which is herewith submitted, and intended to
form part of this Report, it appears that although it may have
been true that the long dock between Central and Long Wharves,
was partly filled up by matter discharged from the Sewers in
that locality, the filling up of the petitioners' Dock, and of all
others of no greater length, must be attributed wholly to other
causes. The Committee therefore recommend that the petitioners
have leave to withdraw. Per Order John S. Tyler, Chairman. Read,
accepted and ordered to be printed. Sent down for concurrence.
Dec. 3. Came up concurred. (See City Doc. 96/)

The Board of Land Commis- Hazelton

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missioners to whom was referred the petition of H. L. Hazelden, for a modification of condition of sale of land on Newton Street having fully considered the subject would respectfully submit the following Report: That the petitioners have leave to withdraw. In the Commissioners' Chamber, Chairman. In Common Council. Read and accepted. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Readers
School Dist
Petition of the Bowditch School Committee for additional School accommodation in that district. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Instruction. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Constables
bond.
The Bond of William Hastings a Constable, having been already approved by the Treasurer was also approved by the Board. Said Bond was approved by the Mayor November 24. 1863.

Congress
Street.
The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to repair Congress Street between Lindall and Milk Street, and Milk Street between Congress and Kilby Street, with trap rock blocks was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor November 25. 1863.

Suffolk
Rail Road.
The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board extending the time for the payment of Green Street, Bowdoin Square and Court Street by the Suffolk Railroad Company to May 1. 1864. was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor November 25. 1863.

The order submitted at 671.

the last meeting of the Board for the pavement of Washington
ton Street, Dock Square, Court Street and Timent Row by the
Middlesex Railroad Company on May 1. 1863 was read a se-
cond time and passed. Approved by the Mayor November 25. 1863

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Washington St.
Middlesex
Railroad

His Honor the Mayor having
returned, on the seventeenth instant, without his approval or ob-
jection, at the expiration of more than ten days from the date of
its presentation to him for approval, the order of the City Council
for the Committee on Public Institutions to enquire into the alleged
prevalence of Ophthalmia among the boys at Deer Island,
said order as recorded page 624, is in full force and effect.

Ophthalmia
Deer Island

The report and order authoriz-
ing the Committee on Internal Health to carry street sweep-
ings &c. on to the grounds of the Boston Natural History Society
on the Back Bay Lands which were submitted at the last
meeting of the Board, were read a second time and re-
committed to the Committee on Internal Health.

Natural History
Society

The Inspectors of Prisons for the
County of Suffolk submitted to the Board their report on the
condition of the Jail, Boston Lunatic Hospital, House of Correction,
Industry and Reformation for the first six months of the present
year. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Inspectors
of Prisons

The eleventh Annual Report
of the Trustees of the Public Library was submitted to the Board,

Library
Report.

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Nov. 23. 1863 and was laid upon the table and eight hundred copies were ordered to be printed.

Printing

The report and order submitted to the Board at its last meeting, to pay the City Printer fifty cents for a thousand ems and seventy cents for presswork until otherwise ordered, were read a second time and were laid upon the table.

Market.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on the Market the transfer of Suite 121, 123, Faneuil Hall Market by Thomas S. Mellen to Manly S. Gay was approved by the Board.

Hendry.

On petition of William Hendry for leave to run a line of coaches from South Boston to East Boston ferries, the Committee on Licenses reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Second hand
articles.

Leave was granted to Samuel Brock to deal in Second Hand Articles at No. 64 Salem Street.

Lunatic

Hospital The subject of providing a new site for the Boston Lunatic Hospital which was in order for consideration this day was again assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Fire

Department
Drivers
pay of

The Joint Special Committee of the City Council to whom was referred the petition of the Drivers of Steam Fire Engines, Hose, and Hook and Ladder Carriages, for an increase of pay, have considered the same and beg leave to report the accompanying order. For the Committee John Price, Chairman. Ordered: That there be paid to Drivers of Steam Fire Engines, Hose and Hook and Ladder Carriages

the sum of five dollars per month, in addition to their present 673
salary, from the first day of December to the first day of April. Nov. 23. 1863
at which time a revision of the salaries will be made. Read once.

The Committee on the Star Ballast
for to whom was referred the petition of the Ballast Inspectors
that the City pay their office expenses, having heard the petition
as they leave to report. That the present depressed state of com-
merce, and the fact that the City Government has of late ceased
to use the Cobble-stone ballast to the same extent as formerly, have
operated to reduce the income from fees to less than four hundred
dollars for each Inspector, but, the Committee trust that the depression
will be temporary. Under present circumstances the Committee be-
lieve that it will be reasonable that the City should pay for the
Office Rent and fuel of the Inspectors to an amount not ex-
ceeding two hundred dollars per annum, but as the winter
months are those in which fuel is required, the Committee think
it proper to allow the sum of one hundred and twenty five dol-
lars to the Inspectors for the five months during which they re-
main in office, the current year. They therefore recommend the
adoption of the following order. For the Committee, John S. Tyler,
Chairman. Ordered: That there be allowed and paid
from the City Treasury to Edward Hatch, William F. Clark, Wm. G.
Baltis and Peter Conroy, Ballast Inspectors, the sum of One hun-
dred and twenty-five dollars, to meet their office expenses accu-
ing between this time and the first day of April next. The same
to be charged to the appropriation for Incidental expenses and
Miscellaneous Claims. Read once.

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Police
pay

On petition of N. G. Davis & others

Ordered: That there be allowed and paid to the patrol police men, in addition to their present salary, the sum of twenty-five cents per day, from December 1. 1863, to April 1. 1864. Read once

Back Bay
Lands
surveys

The Board then took up the subject of the survey of the Back Bay Lands and Mr. Hade, the former City Engineer, appeared before the Board and explained at length his plan for the drainage of that territory into Dorchester Bay - without reaching any conclusion upon the matter, the Board

Adjourned to Tuesday next (tomorrow) at three o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Tuesday, the twenty fourth day of November, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and Aldermen Amory, Clark, Marsh, Norcross, Tyler, Spinney and Peirce.

Constable's
bond.

The Bond of Ephraim W. Jan, a Constable, having been already approved by the City Treasurer was approved also by the Board. Approved by the Mayor, Nov. 24. 1863.

Suffolk
Railroad

Ordered: That the opinion of the City Solicitor be obtained upon the following question: Can the Suffolk Horse Railroad Company discontinue running cars on any part of their route and take up any portion of their rails

at pleasure without permission of this Board?

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The Board then resumed the consideration of the drainage of the Back Bay Lands but after a brief discussion upon the subject it was assigned for further consideration on Monday next.

Back Bay
Sewerage

and the Board then adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the thirtieth day of November, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Ebenezer Stone and others that a Sewer may be constructed in Flanover Court. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Stone

Petition of Thomas Gay and others that a Sewer may be laid in Eighth Street. Referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Gay

Petition of Tom Duchs and others that the name of East Orange Street may be changed. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Duchs

Petition of M. H. Simpson and others that Province Street may be widened on its westerly side. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Simpson

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Neal.

Petition of Samuel Neal and others that the grade of the gutter in Chestnut Street at corner of River Street may be raised. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Rice

Petition of William Rice to be paid for land taken to widen Everett Street. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

Muttapen
Railroad

A notice from the Muttapen Railroad Company of their intended petition to the next Legislature for a Charter, was read and referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Middlsex
Railroad

A notice of a proposed petition to the next Legislature by the Middlsex Railroad Company for an extension of the privileges within this City was read and referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Fire

Department

On nomination by the Mayor the following persons were admitted into the Fire Department: Hook and Ladder No. 2. George Chilcott. Edwin Fish. John L. Teckbury. Andrew Lewis. Lucy P. Laurence. Hook and Ladder No. 3. Richard E. Stannard. Engine No. 7. Charles Riley.

Messenger
Street

Braman.

Whereas, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that Messenger Street, at its intersection with the proposed extension of Chestnut Street, should be widened, it is therefore hereby Ordered, that due notice be given to Lucy B. Braman, Janis D. Braman, A. C. Braman, Grenville J. W. Braman, Susie A. Braman, Frank A. Braman, John S. Braman, Lucy J. Braman, George N. Braman and Ellen S. Braman - the heirs of Janis D. Braman, that this

Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a portion of their land and laying out the same as a public street. Ver. 30. 1863
and that Monday, the seventh day of December next at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

Whereas Ruben Smith has given notice to this Board of his intention to erect buildings on 132 Smith
Harrison Avenue, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said Avenue should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Smith and Peter C. Brooks that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the seventh day of December next, at four o'clock, P.M., is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto. Street Harrison Avenue

Whereas Thomas H. Dunham has given notice to this Board of his intention to repair buildings on Harrison Avenue and Union Park Street, in the said City; and, in the opinion of the Board, the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require that the said street should be widened at the place described in the said notice, it is therefore hereby Ordered, That due notice be given to the said Thomas H. Dunham, and J. J. Walworth and company that this Board intend to widen the street before mentioned, by taking a part of the land now about to be built upon as aforesaid, and laying out the same as a public street and that Monday, the seventh day of De- Dunham. Harrison Avenue Union Park Street.

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December next at four o'clock, P.M. is assigned as the time for hearing any objections which may be made thereto.

And month

Petition of Alexander Macdonald to be compensated for personal injuries sustained from an alleged defect in Whitwell Place. Referred to the Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 3. Came up concurred.

Galloupe
Island

Notice from Captain Wm W. M^r Kim, U.S. Assistant Quartermaster, that he had taken military possession of Galloupe Island for the purpose of establishing a camp there: was read and referred to the Committee on the Harbor. Sent down for concurrence. December 3. Came up concurred.

Fire
Department
Survey

The order submitted to the Board on the 23^d instant to pay the drivers of the Steam Fire Engines, Hoses, and Hook and Ladder Carriages the sum of five dollars per month in addition to their present salaries from Dec^r 1st to April 1st 1864, was read a second time and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Ballast
office

The order submitted to the Board on the 23^d instant to pay the office expenses of the Inspectors of Ballast, amounting to one hundred and twenty five dollars up to April 1st 1864. was read a second time and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 3. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor December 4. 1863.

Ordinances

The Committee on Ordinances who were charged with the revision of the City Ordinances, report-

ed as follows: Municipal corporations in Massachusetts are em- 67
powered by the General Statutes to make such necessary by laws, Sec. 30, 1860
not repugnant to the laws of the State, for managing their finan-
cial affairs, preserving peace and good order, and maintaining
their internal police, as they judge most conducive to their welfare.
The same authority is more especially granted to this city by the
thirty-fifth section of its charter. By other laws, general or special,
power is vested in the City Council or Board of Aldermen to pro-
vide for the government of various local concerns in particular
cases. Under these several acts of legislation, a large number
of ordinances and of rules and regulations have been estab-
lished. In 1859, for the second time since the organization of
the State government under the constitution of 1780, the general
laws of the Commonwealth were re-arranged and consolidat-
ed; and it was soon found indispensable, that the ordinan-
ces of the City should be revised, in order more fully to cor-
respond with the statutes. Had not many important changes
been made in the laws in the process of consolidation, the period
elapsed since the thorough revision of the ordinances, in 1855,
would hardly have justified at this time so laborious an un-
dertaking. But as there had already accumulated, since the
revision, numerous ordinances, nowhere to be found for practical
reference but in the several volumes of the "Municipal Regis-
ter," many of which had, from time to time, been amended or
repealed, and then again re-enacted, either in their original
form or in substance, it was manifest that the work could
not be longer deferred without leaving the public exposed to great
and increasing embarrassment. Fortunately, at the time when
the revision was ordered, one of the commissioners, who had been

686. engaged in the consolidation of the Statutes, was upon our
Jan. 30. 1862 Committee, and he has ever since continued to have the general
superintendence of the work. He has been able to assist by a
member of the bar, who has had experience in similar labors.
Every portion of the volume has been submitted, in detail, to
the City Clerk, and it being the duty of that officer to enter up
in his records all ordinances as they are passed by the City
Council no mistake could have easily escaped his vigilance.
He consequently felt every confidence in recommending this
volume for adoption as a whole, and in the form in which it is
submitted. Every effort has been made to render the present
edition as complete as those which have preceded it. Immediately
after authority was given for its preparation, the several heads
of departments, most of whom from their protracted tenure of office
well knew the practical operation of the existing ordinances, were
requested to propose any improvements which their experience
suggested. Such of the modifications so recommended as were
approved by the Committee were reported to the City Council,
without whose express sanction no substantial alteration has
been admitted. Various provisions adopted at an early stage
of our growth, and which might to advantage have been a-
mended to conform to our increased trade and population, were
suffered to remain from an unwillingness to disturb what had
become from long usage generally familiar. But the greater pro-
portion of our municipal regulations seem to have been wisely
planned, and to answer every reasonable requirement. Ordinan-
ces should not only be judicious, but permanent and well known.
Frequent changes tend to confusion, and laws which are not un-
derstood or generally enforced soon cease to be respected. More

effort should be made to bring the ordinances to the knowl- 681
edge of the public. They should be distributed not only amongst Sec. 30. 186.
members of the City Government, but disposed of at a price
that will place them within the means of every citizen. Struc-
tures should be made where they are habitually disregard-
ed, and it should be incumbent upon the police to report all
violations of them that come to their knowledge. Implicit obedience
in all cases is not, perhaps, to be expected, but whenever the public
or any individual sustains loss or inconvenience in consequence
of their violation, complaint should be made, and the penalty
exacted. It is recommended that hereafter some settled policy be
adopted whereby new ordinances shall be published apart
from the Registers, the annual collections be bound each year
together into volumes for the use of the City Government and of
the public, with indexes extending back to the last preceding re-
vision, and the pages numbered continuously for ease of reference.
Thus will be presented a complete series of our municipal laws
of inestimable value to the city Council in subsequent legisla-
tion. The revisions should be made at regular intervals, and
judging of the future by the past, periods of ten years will not
prove more frequent, than our constant experiments in legislation
and the new provisions needed for the varying requirements of
the city will render indispensable. It is only by the adoption of
such a plan rigidly adhered to, that those who administer our
by-laws, or those who are to be governed by them, can ascertain
without difficulty what is the established rule for their guidance.
Attached to the former edition was an appendix containing sev-
eral laws and regulations, and other matter useful for informa-
tion, which could not with propriety be introduced into the

682. *body of the work in this it has been thought better to incorporate*
Vol. 30. 1868 *all Statutes of general application under their appropriate titles.*
It is proposed in a supplementary volume to embrace the rules
and regulations of the different institutions and departments,
other than those which being of a more public nature have
been included in the present. There will be added various
orders of a permanent character and some of the City con-
tracts, which being periodically renewed, it is convenient to
have accessible to those, who are responsible for their faithful
performance. Several acts and orders of the Legislature, for
temporary objects, will also be given. The volume will contain
in addition, an explanatory list of the special laws passed
for the benefit of the City, and also of the cases decided in the Su-
preme Court upon points of municipal interest. No explanation
is needed for the length of time consumed in completing the
work. There was still in reserve for present use an ample
supply of the former edition; and perfection consequently, was
considered of more importance than despatch. Delays were
unavoidable in procuring the passage of acts through the Leg-
islature, of Ordinances through the City Council, and many
of the changes which have been introduced into this volume
were long under deliberation in the different departments.
It is subject for congratulation however, that before the pres-
ent municipal year has ended, we can hope to have the vol-
ume ready for distribution. The Index is in an advanced stage
of preparation, and will be completed by the time the ordi-
nances shall have been adopted by the City Council. At the
close of the volume will be found an ordinance carefully pre-
pared, which, when passed, will constitute the ordinances now

revised, the ordinances of the city, and an order, whereby the 685
Board of Aldermen will confirm anew the stated rules and Nov. 30. 1863.
regulations contained in the book, which they have heretofore
established by virtue of their several functions under the
city charter. Thomas C. Amory, Jr. Chairman. Read and accepted.
And the following Ordinance having been read twice was
adopted. Revised Ordinances. Be it ordained by the Aldermen
and Common Council of the City of Boston, in City Council
assembled, as follows: Section 1. All the ordinances printed and
contained on the preceding pages of this book, having been,
under the direction of the joint committee on ordinances of the
City Council of the City of Boston, codified and revised by George
P. Singer and John G. Locke, and printed under their direction
and supervision, are hereby declared to be the Ordinances of
said City of Boston, and shall have the force thereof. Sect. 2.
All other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances heretofore passed
by the City Council of said City are hereby repealed. Sect. 3.
The repeal in the preceding section shall not affect any act
done, or any right accruing or accrued, or established, or any
suit or proceeding had or commenced in any civil case before
the time when such repeal shall take effect, nor any offence
committed, nor any penalty or forfeiture incurred, nor any suit
or prosecution pending at the time of such repeal, for any offence
committed, or for the recovery of any penalty or forfeiture incurred,
under any of the provisions so repealed; and in all cases where
any provisions of the preceding ordinances are made to go into
operation at any time hereafter, the corresponding provisions, if
any, of the said repealed ordinances or orders shall continue
in force until the said new provisions shall go into operation, sub.

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Nov. 30. 1863 yet, however, to any express regulations relating thereto which
may be contained in the preceding ordinances; and persons who
at the time when the said repeal shall take effect, shall hold
any office under any of the ordinances or orders so repealed,
shall continue to hold the same according to the tenure thereof,
except those offices which may have been abolished, and those
as to which a different provision shall have been made by the
preceding ordinances; and no ordinance or order, or part of an
ordinance or order, which has been heretofore repealed, shall be
revived by the repeal, in the preceding section, of any of the or-
dinances or orders, or parts of ordinances or orders therein men-
tioned. Sent down for concurrence December 3^d Came up concurred.
Approved by Mayor Dec. 4. 1863

India
Street

Whereas, it appears to this Board
that a necessity exists for the construction of a sewer in India
Street, between Central and State Streets, and that public notice
of such intention has been given, it is hereby Ordered, That the
Superintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby directed to construct
a common sewer in said India Street, and to report a schedule
of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read twice
and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 2. 1863

Hose

Ordered: That the Committee on Fire
Department be and they are hereby authorized to purchase twelve
hundred feet of leather hose at an expense not exceeding eighteen
hundred dollars, the same to be charged to the appropriation for
Fire Department. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor.
December 2. 1863.

The report and order in re- 683.

lation to the City Printer's contract - which provide for the payment of fifty cents instead of thirty five cents per thousand ems. and seventy cents instead of sixty cents per token for press work while specie remains at or above twenty five per cent premium, or until otherwise ordered by the City Council, were taken up from the table and the question being on the passage of the order as recorded page 680. Alderman Spinney moved to amend the same by adding at the end - provided the said Aurora & Co will raise the wages of their workmen proportionally - but said amendment was lost. Alderman Amory then moved to amend said order by striking out fifty and inserting forty five - and by striking out seventy and inserting sixty five - but said amendment was lost. Alderman Norcross then moved the indefinite postponement of the subject - and the yeas and nays being demanded on said motion they were taken as follows. Yeas, Aldermen Clark, Denis, Marsh, Norcross, Paul, Thundish, Stevens. 7. Nays Aldermen Amory, Pierce, Spinney, Tyler. 4. So said motion prevailed.

Police

The order submitted at the

meeting of the Board on the 28th instant to increase the pay of the patrolmen on the Police force twenty five cents per diem from Dec^r 1st was read a second time and was amended by adding provisions that the pay of the officers at the central office be raised at the same time to \$2.75 per day - and of the Sergeants to \$2.50 per day - and the question then being on the passage of said order as amended, it was recommended to the Committee on Police.

Nays

Nov 30, 1863
Warrant
for Ward
meeting

and for the meetings of the legal voters of this City in their respective Wards on Monday the fourteenth day of December next at five o'clock A.M. then and there to give in their votes for a Ward Clerk five Inspectors of Elections two members of the School Committee to serve three years One Overseer of the Poor, and four members of the Common Council, all of whom to be inhabitants of this City and resident within their respective Wards. Also for a Mayor and twelve Aldermen, all of whom to be inhabitants of this City. Also ordered that the following vacancies be filled by the legal voters of the respective Wards at the same time. Ward No One An Overseer of the Poor in place of John Pratt, resigned. Ward No Two One member of the School Committee in place of Thomas L. Demond, resigned. Ward No Five One member of the School Committee in place of David P. Kimball, resigned. Ward No Six One member of the School Committee in place of John C. Steckbridge, resigned. Ward No Twelve One member of the School Committee in place of Benjamin Pope, resigned. All the foregoing to be voted for on one ballot. The Ball to be kept open until four o'clock P.M.

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Stet.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a nuisance exists on premises situated on Albany Street caused by an obstructed and defective drain on said premises, belonging to E. S. Bell Agent, Hanson Tucker, J. J. Ellis William Mind, Agent, John Bennett, and George Derby, which is dangerous to the health of the inhabitants, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Health be, and he is hereby directed to cause said nuisance to be abated by removing all obstructions or constructing a new drain at the expense of said parties, who having been

duly notified by him, have neglected to abate said nuisance. 687.

Nov. 30. 1863

The Joint Special Committee

Peoples

Ferry
tee to whom was referred an order declaring that the Peoples Ferry Company shall not forfeit any right they have under their contract with the City of Boston by suspending the running of their boats until the first day of March next, with an authority to consult the City Solicitor thereon, have considered the same, and have obtained the City Solicitor's written opinion, which is submitted herewith, and respectfully Report: That inasmuch as in the opinion of the City Solicitor, the City might be embarrassed in attempting to repossess itself of the premises leased to the Peoples Ferry Company for violation of its contract, and perhaps be entirely thwarted in such an effort, after the passage of such an order as the one proposed, the Committee deem it inexpedient to take any action in the matter, and they recommend that the order do not pass. For the Committee, Moses Clark, Chairman. Read, accepted and the order in question was rejected. (The same being recorded on page 659)

A notice was received from

Peoples

Ferry
the Peoples Ferry Company that on the first day of December they should suspend the running of their Ferry boats until the first of March next for the purpose of making repairs thereon. Read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

In reply to the question sub-

Suffolk

Railroad
mitted to him on the twenty fourth instant the City Solicitor submitted to the Board his opinion as to the obligation of the

888 Suffolk Railroad Company to run cars over their location &
the same as follows. Boston November 20, 1863. Sir, The Board of Aldermen
by an order passed the 24th instant, proposed to me the follow-
ing question: Can the Suffolk Horse Railroad Company discon-
tinue running cars on any part of their route, and take up
any portion of their rails, at pleasure, without permission of
the Board? It is a well settled principle of law, that every
corporation is bound to discharge all the public duties required
by its charter. When a Company accepts an Act of incorpora-
tion, they take upon themselves this obligation, and they can-
not relieve themselves from it at their pleasure. When the Suf-
folk Horse Railroad Company accepted their act of incorpo-
ration, the duty devolved upon them to convey passengers
over such lines of travel as should be established under and
in accordance with the provisions of that Act; and every lo-
cation which has been so made, is as binding upon the Com-
pany, in every respect, as it would be if it had been describ-
ed and defined in the Act of Incorporation. The Legislature
have given the power to the Board of Aldermen to discontinue
any location, or part of location; but that power has not been
confided to any other body. My opinion therefore is, that the Com-
pany have not the right to discontinue the running of their
cars upon any part of either of their locations, without permission
from the Board of Aldermen. The Company have no just cause of
complaint, that this duty is cruded from them, because they
have asserted to each of their locations; and neither of them
could have been made without their consent. I have the honor
to be, very respectfully, Your obt. Servt. J. P. Healy. Thomas C. Smay, Jr.
by Chairman of the Board of Aldermen. Read and placed on file.

Agreeably to the report of 689.
the Committee on Licenses the following persons were licensed to deal in Second Hand Articles. viz. Joseph A Walker 47 Queen Street. Patrick Mc Lough 273 Broadway Street. Second hand articles

Frank J. Thompson was licensed to exhibit a collection of birds and animals at 21 Duck Stone Street. Thompson

On petition of the Metropolitan Railroad Company for leave to extend their location within this City so as to reach the several depots of the Steam Railroads, the Committee on Paving reported that no action is necessary. Read and accepted. Metropolitan Railroad

On petition of the Suffolk Railroad Company for leave to extend their location to the Worcester and Old Colony Stations the Committee on Paving reported, that the same be referred to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted. Suffolk Railroad

The Committee on Paving, to whom was referred the petition of the Metropolitan Railroad Company for the location of an independent track westerly of Scott's Building, would report that inasmuch as the position of the track around both sides of Scott's Building have been changed in conformity with an order of the Board of Aldermen and an agreement entered into between the three companies having tracks in the street around Scott's Building, no action is necessary thereon. Respectfully submitted. E. Miss Handish Chairman Committee on Paving. Read and accepted. Metropolitan Railroad

by
Nov. 30. 1863
Suffolk
County
The Committee on Paving on
the petition of the Suffolk Railroad Company for leave to place
a compound wall in Richmond Street, reported that the peti-
tioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Seaboard
Railway
The Committee on Paving to whom
were referred the petition of the Dorchester Railway Company
for leave to run their cars to the various depots, and the remon-
strance of the Seaboard Railway Company against the same,
reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and
accepted.

Suffolk &
Albany
Railroad
The Committee on Paving to whom
were recommended the petition of the Suffolk and Metro-
politan Railroad Companies for leave to lay down tracks in
Chinle, Boylston and other streets, reported that the petitioners
have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Bay
Breakhead
Savings Sinking
Institution
The Committee on Paving, to whom
were referred the several petitions of John C. Hyndes, John C.
Hendrick, and the Boston Savings Institution, for payment
for damages sustained by the change of grade in Second Street,
reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read
and accepted.

Lunatic
Hospital
The subject of the purchase of a
site for the Boston Lunatic Hospital which was assigned for
this day was postponed to Monday next.

Back Bay
Sewerage
On motion of Alderman Peirce
the Board took up the subject of the Sewerage of the Back

Bay Lands: and the question being on the adoption of the report and order submitted therewith, Alderman Handish moved to amend the same by inserting at A page 474 or as near that point as it should be for domestic purposes which motion prevailed. Alderman Peirce then moved to amend the last order, as recorded page 425, by striking out at B the word "proper" and inserting "shall" also by adding to the said order at C "and incidental expenses connected therewith" which motion prevailed. After a long discussion upon the merits of the order as amended, the subject was assigned for further consideration on Monday next.

Resolved, That the safety and convenience of the Inhabitants of the City require that West Street should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Thomas B. Williams, bounded as follows, viz: Northeastwardly by the proposed line of widening of said Street, there measuring sixty eight feet and $\frac{23}{100}$; Southwestwardly to land of the proprietors of the Temple Club House, two feet and $\frac{58}{100}$; Southwardly by the present line of said Street, sixty nine feet and $\frac{40}{100}$; and Southeastwardly to the same, three feet; containing one hundred and ninety two square feet and $\frac{5}{100}$ more or less. And Whereas due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City, according to a plan of the said widening made by A. Henry Craft, City Engineer, dated November

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West
Street.
Williams

Oct 20th 1863 and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said street, as aforesaid, will amount to eleven hundred and fifty five dollars; which sum, together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuance in said street during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. Read once.

Fidd

Ordered, That there be paid to the owner or heirs of said Fidd the sum of twenty seven hundred dollars, for land taken recently to widen Mulberry Street, said sum to be paid as follows: seventeen hundred dollars to those who may be able to give a satisfactory title of their interest in said land, and the balance to wit: one thousand dollars, upon such release as may be satisfactory to the City for the same, and an acquittance and discharge from damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening streets. And that the order for the payment of the same amount approved October 5 1863, be hereby annulled. Read once.

Bills
to be paid

Ordered, That the following bills for services rendered, or materials furnished by persons connected, directly or indirectly with the City Government, be paid, provided they are approved and allowed in the usual manner, viz: J. H. Nightman, four hundred and thirty seven dollars and thirty eight cents, thirty dollars; Crosby, six hundred and seven dollars and twenty one cents, two hundred and thirty one dollars and twenty two cents and four dollars and fifty two cents. L. Cham-

Berlin, ninety dollars and seventy cents and eighty cents. 873
Fisher and Allen, one hundred and fifty one dollars and sixty cents. Nov. 30 1863
cents ninety seven dollars and fifty cents; Buckley & Bancroft,
ninety six dollars and twenty five cents; Brown & Hubbard,
sixty five dollars; G. Hall, fifty one dollars and eighty seven cents;
Holbrook and Hallow, seventy eight dollars and eighty five cents;
Lewis J. Bird, twelve dollars and ninety two cents. Read once.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Rochester Street, between
Seventh and Goddard Streets. Estimated cost five hundred dollars.
Read once.

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to grade Athens Street between E. and H.
Streets. Estimated cost five hundred dollars. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday
the Seventh day of December, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen

Petition of Lamplighters
of the city for increase of compensation. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Lamps. Lamplighters

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Dec 7, 1863
Washingtonian Home

Petition of Washingtonian Home
for Washington Street for an abatement of tax for 1863. Referred to
the Committee on the Public Department on the part of
this Board.

Cobb
Suffolk
Railroad

A communication was received
from Sylvanus Cobb and others stating that the Suffolk Rail
road Company have removed their rails from Webster Street.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Suffolk
Railroad

Petition of the Suffolk rail
road Company to be allowed to remove their rails from Webster
Street, where they are now useless as the People's Ferry Boat
have suspended their trips. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Robertson

Petition of R. A. Robertson and
others that the name of West Canton Street may be changed
to Bancroft Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Jugan

Petition of Lawrence Jugan to
be paid for damages sustained by change of grade in Second
Street. Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Messinger
Street

No person appearing to object to
the proposed widening of Messinger Street by taking land of the
Heirs of Jarvis Bauman, the subject was recommended to the
Committee on Streets.

Harrison
Avenue
Union Park
Street

No person appearing to object
to the proposed widening of Harrison Avenue and Union Park
Street by taking land of Thomas A. Lunham and J. J. Melworth
W. and subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets.

No person appearing to ob- 695

ject to the proposed widening of Harrison Avenue by taking land of Peter C. Brock, said subject was recommended to the Committee on Streets. Dec. 7. 1863

Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be requested to procure of the city Engineer for the use of the City Council a plan of the present Winthrop School House lot.

Winthrop School House lot.
which is proposed to be purchased by the City. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 9. 1863

Ordered: That the Committee on Gellysburg

Gellysburg
burials request a copy of the Hon. Edward Everett's Eulogy delivered at the consecration of the cemetery at Gellysburg, for publication, and be authorized to publish the same together with such other matter relative to the subject as they may deem proper, in a pamphlet form, for the use of the City Government, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Miscellaneous Claims and incidental Expenses. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 9. 1863.

Petition of the Overseers of the

Overseers of the Poor
For that the City Council would appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars for relief of poor persons in the several wards who have no legal settlement. Reported in Common Council to the Committee on the Overseers of the Poor. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Petitions of Andrew Barney and Barney.

Barney.
other, Rev. James H. Bates and others, Edward Jackson and others

Dec 7 1863
John H. Appleton and others, H. A. Smith and others, and Samuel C. Perkins and others, severally in aid of the Officers of the Fire, were referred in Common Council to the Committee on the Fire and of the Fire. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Read
Petition of John H. Reed & others that a Fire Alarm Station be established on First Street near 4th St. Referred to the Committee on Fire Alarms. Sent down for concurrence Dec. 10. Came up concurred.

Bills
to be paid
The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board to pay certain bills of J. M. Wrightman, J. W. L. L. Chamberlain and other members of the City Government was read a second time and passed. Sent down for concurrence Dec. 10. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor.
December 12 1863.

A. E. Hemmels
College
Petition of the New England Female Medical College for leave to purchase a lot of land near the new City Hospital. Referred to the Board of Land Commissioners. Sent down for concurrence Dec. 10. Came up concurred.

Fire
Department
Driver's
Salary
The Common Council having amended the order which passed this Board on the thirtieth of November to increase the salary of the drivers of Steam Fire Engines &c. by striking out at A. December and inserting April last also by inserting at B the word next - said action came up for concurrence. Read and this Board concurred therein with this amendment, strike out all the word between E and F and insert "said increase to take effect at the same date when the salaries of the firemen and fire

men were increased. Sent down for concurrence. December 10
came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor December 12. 1863

by

Dec. 7. 1863

Ordered: That the Trustees of the Public Library be permitted, and requested, to loan the picture of Charles the First demanding the impeached Members of the House of Commons, painted by Laplay to the Managers of the Fair for the benefit of the Sanitary Commission to be exhibited in the Picture Gallery of the Athenaeum Building. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. December 10. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor December 11. 1863.

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Sanitary Fair.

The Committee on the Harbor, to whom was referred the communication of Captain W. H. M^r Kim, U.S. Quarter Master addressed to His Honor the Mayor, informing him that the Government of the United States have taken possession of Gallap's Island for Military purposes; Report: That the said Island is under lease from the City to Joseph Snow for the term of three years from October 1. 1862. That Captain M^r Kim has been apprised of that fact, and that Mr. Snow claims damages for the interference of the General Government with his rights as Lessee. The Committee have conferred with Mr. Snow and informed him that the City is not responsible for the acts of the General Government. It is hoped that the Military authorities will be able to satisfy any just claims Mr. Snow may have for damages. For the Committee, John S. Tyler, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. December 10. Came up concurred.

Gallap's
Island

Dec. 7. 1863.

Evans
House

ing, who were directed by an order of May 22. 1863, to examine the building on Cement Street known as the Evans House, with a view to ascertain whether said building required any repairs which the city ought to make for reason of having had the use thereof gratuitously through the liberality of the proprietor for nearly two years, and to make such repairs if they were found necessary, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report. That in the summer of 1861 Mr. William Evans lent to the city the free use of his then vacant house on Cement Street, which was accepted and continued until the Spring of 1863. The city relieved Mr. Evans from the payment of taxes both in 1861, and 1862, thus saving him an expense of nearly eleven hundred dollars; and under the order cited by the Committee, it was proposed to put his house in order after being vacated by the city. When the order passed, Mr. Evans was absent from the country, and the Committee, through a sub-committee of three, examined the house in company with Mr. H. J. Evans, his son and business partner. The house was not found to require any considerable repairs, but it was thought it would be well to paint the house anew, although only a small portion of it had been in actual use. The younger Mr. Evans expressed a wish that the city should not do the repairs for the reason that his father intended to make some alterations in the house, which would make it preferable for him that the city should pay a sum of money such as the necessary repairs would cost, leaving him at liberty to make them in connection with the proposed alterations. The sub-committee accordingly estimated the repairs at seven hundred dollars, and

landed. Mr. Evans that sum upon his return from Europe. The
offer was declined, and Mr. Evans requested to have the matter
submitted to a reference. The sub-committee felt that their
judgement ought to be as correct as that of any reference which
could be agreed upon, and did not accede to this proposal. Mr.
Evans soon after made a claim to be allowed not only the
cost of the repairs but the interest on the assessed value of the prop-
erty from May 1. to the time the house should be ready for occu-
pancy. This claim the Committee could not allow, but they re-
examined the house and offered Mr. Evans one thousand dollars.
He did not accept these terms, and both verbally and in writ-
ing requested the indulgence of the Committee till he could ob-
tain the bill for repairs which were then going on. They finally
received from him a bill amounting to \$2988.41 including \$133.00
for interest. They again offered him a thousand dollars, which
they considered a liberal allowance for all repairs caused by
the City's occupation of his house; and he still declines to take
that sum, they feel that their duty requires this statement of fact
for the consideration of the City Council, and they respectfully
ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.
To the Committee, Joseph T. Paul, Chairman. Read and accepted.
Sent down for concurrence December 10. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Police, to whom
was referred the subject of the pay of the Police, respectfully re-
commend that the pay of the patrolmen, sergeants, detectives, and
Supt in the Chief's Office be respectively raised 25 cents per day
each, from the first of July, pursuant to the following order. For
the Committee, Thomas C. Snow, Jr. Chairman. Ordered: That

Police
Salary

700. then forwarded and paid to the patrol policemen, to the detectives and Superintendents in the central office, and to the Sergeants of Police, twenty five cents per day each in addition to their present salary, said addition to be made from the first of July last. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. December 10 came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor. December 12. 1863.

Printer

Ordered: That the Committee on Printing be authorized to have printed with the permission of the author for the use of the City Council five hundred copies of the articles on "Boston Harbor" recently published in the Daily Advertiser. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. December 10 came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 12 1863.

Constables

Bonds

The Bonds of William F. A. Kelly and of John C. Marion, Constables, having been already approved by the City Treasurer were also approved by the Board of Aldermen. Approved by Mayor Dec. 3. 1863.

Internal

Health

laborers

The Committee on Internal Health upon the subject of wages to employees of City in this Department, report. That they have given the subject a careful consideration, and have annexed a Schedule of the wages paid at the present time, together with the proposed increase, the highest amount as herein stated not to be exceeded by the Superintendent of Health to any of the grades as herein established, and also that the Superintendent of Health shall use his discretion respecting the payment of wages to any and all employees provided that that in his judgement said employees are not entitled to the compensation as herein annexed. Occupation of employees, together

with the present wages and the proposed increase.

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Double Teamsters, present price per month \$40.00 proposed price \$42.00 Dec. 7. 1863

Single St Teamsters, " " " " 38.00 " " 40.00

House Teamsters, " " " " 36.00 " " 38.00

House Helpers, " " " " 33.00 " " 36.00

Street Shovelers, " " " " 36.00 " " 38.00

Offal Teamsters, " " " " 35.00 " " 37.00

Offal Helpers, " " " " 33.00 " " 36.00

Weekly Men " " per day 8/ " " 1.40

Respectfully submitted. For the Committee, Moses Clark. Ordained:

That the above proposed increase of wages to the laborers in the Internal Health Department be adopted, to take effect from and after ^Athis date. Passed with this amendment, at a Stake out this date and insert July 1st 1863. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 9. 1863.

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to grade Dorchester Street between Seventh and Goldard Streets was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 12. 1863

Dorchester Street.

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the Superintendent of Streets to grade Athens Street between C and F Streets was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 12. 1863

Athens Street

The resolve and order submitted at the last meeting of the Board to widen West Street by taking land of Thomas Williams was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 12. 1863

West Street Williams

Dec. 7, 1863

Tidd

The order submitted at the last meeting of the Board to pay the heirs or devisees of Jacob Tidd twenty seven hundred dollars for land recently taken to widen Matthews Street on certain conditions was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 9, 1863 (Rescinded Dec. 14 on page 721).

St. Matthews
Church

The Committee on Cemeteries, to whom was recommended their report upon the matter of the discontinuance of the burial place attached to the St. Matthews Church, South Boston, have reconsidered the same, and Report: That they have conferred with the Trustees of the property, and a representative of the Proprietors of Tombs, and it appeared to be the desire of all parties concerned to remove the bodies, and discontinue the cemetery. The Proprietors of the Tombs, however, desire to supply some place for the re-interment of the bodies in which they have a special interest, and the Trustees of the property ask for pecuniary assistance in removing these and other bodies. After full consideration, the Committee recommend the appropriation of sufficient space in Mount Hope cemetery for the re-burial of these remains, and also the payment of six hundred dollars towards the expense of removal. It was stated to the Committee that the parties interested would assume the whole work of removal upon these donations being made. Since that statement was made the Committee have been informed that the persons who made it now estimate the expenses at a much larger sum, and would ask the City Council to appropriate a larger amount. We feel, however, that our recommendations are exceedingly liberal, and ought to be satisfactory. In order to carry them into effect we respectfully recommend the passage

of the accompanying order for the Committee, S. S. Thorne, Clerk 703.
man. Whereas, due notice has been given to the Proprietors Dec. 7. 1863
of the Cemetery under the Building situated on the southward
side of Broadway, and formerly known as St. Matthews Church,
that in the opinion of this Board the safety and health of
the inhabitants require that said Cemetery should be discon-
tinued as a place of burial of the dead, and that said Pro-
prietors or any of them might appear and object to such
discontinuance on Monday, the twenty ninth day of June
last: and whereas no objection has been made to the said dis-
continuance by either of said proprietors; therefore, Ordered: That
the said Cemetery be and the same is hereby discontinued
as a place of burial of the dead: and that hereafter no dead
body shall be interred or deposited therein. Ordered: That leave
be granted to the Trustees of the building called St. Matthews
Church, to remove from the premises attached to said building
the remains of any and all bodies deposited thereupon said
removal to be made under the direction and advice of the City
Registrar, ^A who shall give public notice of the fact, in writing, ten
days before said removal, which shall not take place in case where
proprietors of tombs or claimants of bodies deposited therein shall
object to such removal within the period specified. Read twice
and passed as amended at A. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 1863.

Ordered: That the Trustees of St. Matthews
Mount Hope Cemetery be and they are hereby directed to set Church
apart for the use of the Trustees of the Building called St. Mat- Mount Hope
thew's Church, in South Boston, so much land in said Cemetery Cemetery
as may be necessary for the burial therein of all the dead

704 bodies now interred or entombed in the edifice on the southern
Dec. 7 1863 side of Broadway and formerly known as St. Matthews Church,
upon the condition that said Trustees shall properly lay out said
land and use the same for the burial of said dead bodies, and
for that purpose only, and shall also put the said land in good
order and condition upon the completion of the burial of the said
bodies. Ordered: That when said Trustees of said Building shall
have removed all said dead bodies from the said Cemetery un-
der said Church, and buried the same in Mount Hope Cemetery,
or elsewhere, with the permission of the Board of Aldermen or the
City Register, there be paid to them the sum of six hundred dol-
lars, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Mount
Hope Cemetery. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence.
Dec. 11 same up concurred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 12 1863

This order repeated
May 26, 1864.

McCombey
Council House.

Petition of Andrew McCombey and
one hundred others for the use of Faneuil Hall on the tenth in-
stant for a meeting of the workmen of Boston. Referred to the
Committee on Faneuil Hall with full power.

Rules and
Regulations
of
Aldermen.

Ordered: Section 1 That all the rules
and regulations of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston,
printed and contained in the book described in the first action
of the preceding ordinance entitled the 'Revised Ordinances', be
and they are hereby declared to be the rules and regulations
of the Board of Aldermen of said City of Boston, and shall have
the force thereof. Sect. 2. No other rules and regulations, and
all orders and parts of all rules and regulations and orders
heretofore passed by the Board of Aldermen inconsistent with the
rules and regulations described in the preceding action, shall

be, and the same are hereby affirmed. Sec. 3. The report of the 703
rules and regulations and orders, and parts of rules, regulations, Dec. 7. 1863
and orders, as provided for in the next preceding section, shall
be subject to all the conditions, limitations, and restrictions, so
far as they are applicable, described and set forth in the third
section of the ordinance, entitled the "Revised Ordinances" men-
tioned in the first section of this order. Read twice and passed.

The Committee on Paving Metropolitan
to whom was recommended the petition of the Metropolitan & Broadway
Railroad Company for extension of track over Lever Street railroads
Bridge and in South Boston; and of the Broadway Railroad
Company for extension of track in South Boston, with the orders
of notice thereon, would most respectfully report that they so-
berally be referred to the next Board of Aldermen. For the Commit-
tee, L. M. Smith, Chairman. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the As- Smith
sessment Department on the part of this Board, to whom was
referred the petition of Mary Ann Smith for abatement of taxes,
have considered the same, and respectfully recommend that
the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Committee H. A.
Stevens, Chairman. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the As- Union Wharf
sessment Department on the part of this Board to whom was re- Company
ferred the petition of the Union Wharf Company for abatement
of taxes, have considered the same, and respectfully recom-
mend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For the Commit-
tee, H. A. Stevens, Chairman. Read and accepted.

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Boston
Theatre

Reported on the part of this Board, to whom was referred the petition of the Proprietors of the Boston Theatre for abatement of taxes, have considered the same, and report: That they are well satisfied that the assessment is not excessive, and they therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. To the Committee, S. S. Thorne, Chairman Read and accepted.

South
Boston
Street

Whereas it is represented by citizens residing in Ward 12, that the plans of survey made by different hands do not agree, and that the City has not formally adopted either, and consequently that an uncertainty exists as to the lines of street, which are to be removed. Wherefore Ordered: That the Committee on Street be instructed to report, without unnecessary delay, some one of the existing plans or, if expedient, to procure and report another plan, of that part of the City known as Ward 12, which may be adopted as the Standard for the guidance of all parties concerned. Passed

Coal
Heigher

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses Orlando Melrose was appointed a Heigher of Coal within this City.

Quenbriker

Second hand
dealer.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses Richard S. Campbell was appointed and licensed as a Quenbriker at 17 Beattle Square: John McCallough to deal in Second Hand Articles at 3 North Grove Street, and Hugh Kelly to deal in Second Hand Articles at 30 Beverly Street.

Kaine

On the petition of Elizabeth M.

Time to be compensated for damage sustained by change of grade in Second Street, the Committee on Paving reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

On the several petitions of Owen Munday to be paid for damages occasioned by change of grade in Dedham Street, and of J. H. Stephenson and others that Boylston Street from Arlington to Berkeley Street may be accepted, the Committee on Paving reported a variance of said subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

The subject of the purchase of a site for the New Lunatic Hospital which was assigned for consideration this day was re-assigned for Monday next.

Ordered: That there be paid to Lizzie C. Whitman the sum of one hundred dollars, in full compensation for any and all claims for damages to her estate on Second Street caused by the grading thereof, upon her proving her title to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon her giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said grading; and that the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Read once.

Ordered: That there be paid to John Tileston the sum of seventy five dollars, in full compensation for any and all claims for damages to his estate on Second Street caused by the grading thereof, upon his proving his title to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon his

708 giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all
Sept 1883 damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said grading;
and the same be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c.
Read once.

Lennin

Ordered: That there be paid to
Ann Lennin the sum of seventy five dollars, in full compensa-
tion for any and all claims for damages to her estate on Second
Street caused by the grading thereof, upon her giving her title to
said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon her
giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages,
costs and expenses in consequence of said grading; and the same
be charged to the appropriation for Paving &c. Read once.

Williams

Ordered, That there be paid to
Richard Williams the sum of one hundred dollars, in full
compensation for any and all claims for damages to his estate
on Second Street caused by the grading thereof upon his giving
his title to said estate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and
upon his giving to the City an acquittance and discharge for
all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said
grading; and the same be charged to the appropriation for
Paving &c. Read once.

Harre

Street

Ordered: That the Superintendent
of Streets be authorized to grade and grade Harre Street
between Bennington and Porter Streets. Read once.

Chestnut

Street.

Ordered: That the Superintendent
of Streets be authorized to construct a cesspool in Chestnut Street
at the corner of River Street. Read once.

Ordered: That Branch 709.

Avenue. So called, leading from Willow to Church Street, and
the same hereby is dedicated as a public highway; provided,
that the fee of said Branch Avenue. So called. is conveyed
to the City of Boston. Read once Dec. 7 1862 Branch Avenue

Whereas, Charles Ames & others
did, by deed dated November 16th 1861, release to the City of Boston
all their title as abutters to a strip of land lying between the
centre of the travelled roadway of Dorchester Street and a certain
line therein described, and referred to as shown on a plan
made by James Hade, City Engineer, said line being the South-
easterly line of said Street between Eighth Street and the Old
Colony and Fall River Rail: and Whereas the said Charles Ames
and others did by deed, dated November 30th 1863, release to said
City all their title as abutters to a strip of land lying between the
centre of the travelled roadway of said Dorchester Street and a
certain line therein described, and referred to as shown on a
plan made by N. Henry Craft, City Engineer, said line being
the Northerly line of said Dorchester Street, between said Rail
Road and Sullivan Street, it being the intention of said quan-
tor to define said line of Dorchester Street, the exact location
of which was undetermined and doubtful. It is therefore hereby
Ordered: that the said line of Dorchester Street above referred
to as the Southeasterly line, between Eighth Street and the Old
Colony and Fall River Rail Road, and the Northerly
line between said Rail Road and Sullivan Street, be and the
same hereby are established as the true and legal lines of
said Dorchester Street, said lines being shown on a plan thereof
made by N. Henry Craft, City Engineer dated November 30th 1863, Dorchester Street lines of

710 and deposited in the Office of the Board of Aldermen. Read
Dec. 7. 1863 once.

Messinger

Street.

Chestnut

Street

Braman

Whereas, Lucy C. Braman and

others have by deed dated November 16th 1863, conveyed to the
City of Boston two certain parcels of land for the widening of
Messinger Street and for the extension of Chestnut Street and where
as due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to
lay out the said parcels as public street or ways of the said
City, it is therefore Ordered, that the following described parcels of
land be and the same hereby are laid out as parts of Messinger
and Chestnut Street, respectively, according to a plan of the said
laying out made by N. Henry Crafts, City Engineer, dated November
16th 1863, and deposited in the office of the said Board of Alder-
men. The first parcel being described as follows, viz: Northwardly
by the northerly line of Chestnut Street extended in a westerly
direction, there measuring twenty three feet and $\frac{3}{4}$ in; Westwardly
by the extension in a northerly direction, of the westerly line
of Messinger Street at the mid line exists between Beacon & Burn
Streets, one hundred and ten feet and $\frac{3}{8}$ in; Southwardly by
Messinger Street $\frac{56}{100}$ of a foot; and Eastwardly and South-
wardly by Messinger and Chestnut Street, on an irregular line,
one hundred and fourteen feet and $\frac{2}{3}$ in: containing seven hun-
dred and ninety five square feet, more or less. The second par-
cel being described as follows, viz: Northwardly by the northerly
line of Chestnut Street extended in a westerly direction, there
measuring about two hundred and twenty nine feet; Westward-
ly by the westerly line of Beaver Street, extended in a north-
westerly direction, about forty feet; Southwardly by a line parallel
with and forty feet distant from the northerly line of Chestnut

Street extended as aforesaid, about two hundred and twenty seven
feet; and Eastwardly by the westerly line of Meringer Street
extended as aforesaid, forty feet: containing about ninety one
hundred and twenty square feet. And this Board doth ad-
judge that the expense of laying out the said portions of Mer-
inger and Chestnut Streets will amount to nine hundred and
ninety three and $\frac{2}{3}$ dollars; which sum, together with the am-
ount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in
either of the said streets, during the present year, does not exceed
the sum of five thousand dollars. Read once.

Ordered: That there be Wilton
paid to Walter M. Wilton the sum of four hundred dollars for land
to be laid out to widen Rochester Street, the same being on the
northwesterly side of said street and between the Old Colony and
Fall River Railroad bridge and Sullivan Street, as per Report of
this day, upon his giving to the City a deed for the same, and an
acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses
in consequence of said laying out; and the same be charged to
the appropriation for laying out and widening streets. Read once.

The Committee on the Assess- Higgins
ment Department on the part of this Board to whom was refer-
red the petition of John Higgins that certain property belonging
to him and sold for taxes without his knowledge, may be re-
stored to him, have considered the same, and would respectfully
Report: That a portion of the petitioner's property on Bar Street
was separately assessed in the years 1861 and 1862, without his
knowledge, and the taxes not being paid was sold to E. L. True,

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Dec. 7 1863 who now holds it. The Committee do not consider that the City was at fault to such an extent as to demand the restoration of this property entirely at its expense, but under all the circumstances, they recommend the passage of the accompanying order. In the Committee, A. A. Stevens, Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee on the Board of Department be authorized to pay the legal charges against that portion of lot A & B, and of lot C now in the possession of E. C. Drew, and to restore said property to John Higgins, upon the payment by said Higgins of twelve dollars and sixteen cents into the City Treasury, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and miscellaneous claims. Read once.

File

The Committee on the Assessor's Department on the part of this Board, to whom was referred the petition of Charles A. Hill for abatement of taxes on a lot of land in Ward **XI** have considered the same, and Report. That the lot of land in question has for several years been assessed at three thousand dollars, and the present owner of it came into possession by mortgage finding it then advertised to be sold for taxes of 1862. In regard to the past assessment, the Committee do not think the petitioner is entitled to any redress, because if he had rendered a schedule of his property according to law, no mistake would have occurred. The assessment they consider too high, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order. In the Committee, A. A. Stevens, Chairman. Ordered: That the Board and they hereby are authorized to abate from the taxes assessed for the year 1863 upon lot 13 on Reed Street, corner of Ricker Place, the sum of eleven dollars and fifty cents. Read once.

Assessors' Department on the part of this Board, to whom was re- Dec. 7. 1865
ferred the petition of the Association of the House of the Good Samaritan
for abatement of taxes, have considered the same, and respectfully Report. That in their opinion this Charitable Institution should be placed upon the same footing with all those which make use of the premises they own or occupy, solely for charitable purposes, and be exempted from taxation. They therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee, N. A. Stevens, Chairman. Ordered: That the Assessors be and they are authorized to abate the taxes assessed upon houses numbered 1 and 2, N^o Loan Street, said houses being occupied by the House of the Good Samaritan. Read once.

Bliss

to Jacob H. Hathorne the sum of twenty one hundred and ninety four and 2/3 dollars, for land taken to widen Essex Street, as per resolve passed the present year upon his giving to the City

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Dec. 7. 1863 a. Ord for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and widening streets. Read once.

Harrison
Avenue.

Brooks

Resolved, That the safety & convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Harrison Avenue should be widened, and for that purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Peter C. Brooks & Co. bounded as follows, viz: Southeastwardly by the proposed line of widening of Harrison Avenue, there measuring forty eight feet and $\frac{33}{100}$; Northeastwardly by land formerly taken of Holmes & Pinkley and others to widen said Avenue, ten feet and $\frac{7}{100}$; Northwardly by the present line of said Avenue, forty eight feet and $\frac{33}{100}$; And Southwestwardly by land now or late of Abby Fisher, ten feet and $\frac{7}{100}$; containing four hundred & eighty three square and $\frac{3}{10}$ more or less. And Whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return herunto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by N. Henry Crafts, City Engineer, dated December 7th 1863, and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Harrison Avenue, as aforesaid, will amount to three hundred dollars; which sum, together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed

the sum of five thousand dollars. Read once.

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Middlesex

Railroad

Ordered: That in addition

to the rights heretofore granted to the Middlesex Railroad Company to lay down tracks in several of the streets of the City of Boston, the said Company are authorized to construct and maintain a curved track from the track of the said Company in Beverly Street, across Beverly and Causeway Streets to the track of the Suffolk Railroad Company in Causeway Street in front of the Boston and Fitchburg Railroad depot building. The right to lay down this curved track is under the express proviso and condition that the location granted to said Middlesex Railroad Company Oct. 24. 1862, to construct a single track in Merimac Street be and the same hereby is rescinded. Also under the further express proviso and condition that said Middlesex Railroad Company shall at all times after the curved track is laid down, keep in good order and complete repair the easterly half of the roadway or cartway of Beverly Street between Causeway Street and the Warren Bridge, at their own expense and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets; and whenever the Board of Aldermen shall from time to time determine and order that said portion of Beverly Street through and in which the tracks of said Middlesex Railroad Company are located, shall be repaired with what they shall deem to be the best of Stone material, the whole expense of such paving shall be paid by the said Middlesex Railroad Company. The work to be done by the Superintendent of Streets under the authority of the Board of Aldermen. And, under the further express proviso and condition, that the whole work of laying down the curved track granted

710 under the authority of this order of location shall be done un-
der the direction and to the satisfaction of the Committee on Sur-
veying and the Superintendent of Streets, and that the form of
said order shall be satisfactory to the Committee on Surveying and the
Superintendent of Streets, and shall be approved by them. And,
under the further express proviso and condition that the Board
of Aldermen reserve the right to allow any other Horse Rail
Road Company to run cars over the curved track located by the
authority of this order for such compensation for the use of said
track as may be agreed upon by the respective companies; and
in case of disagreement the compensation to be thus paid shall
be determined according to law. And, under the further express
proviso and condition, that the said Middlesex Rail Road Com-
pany shall accept this said order of location, and agree to
comply with its several provisions and conditions in writing within
in twenty days of the date of its passage, and file said accept-
ance and agreement with the City Clerk, otherwise it shall be
null and void. Read once.

Back Bay

On motion of Alderman Pierce
the Board took up the subject of the grades and drainage of
the Back Bay Street, and after a lengthy discussion upon the
merits of the order before the Board, without arriving at the ques-
tion, the Board

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Wednesday the ninth day of December, Anno Domini, 1863

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Present,

The Chairman and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Fenner, Paul, Stevens and Clark.

Fifty jurors were drawn for the Supreme Judicial Court. Jurors!

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the fourteenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen.

Petition of Stephen G. Leticie Leticie
for an abatement of tax for 1863 on New England Car Company,
also of taxes assessed upon himself in Ward 11. Referred to the
Committee on the Assessed Department on the part of this
Board.

Petition of P. M. Crane & others Crane
that the Suffolk Railroad Company may be required to run
their cars through Webster Street. Referred to the Committee on Par- Suffolk
ing. Railroad.

Petition of L. H. Blaney & others Blaney
that the Suffolk Rail Road Company may be compelled to re- Suffolk R.R.

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stea their wills and renew their trips through Section A^o One.
Referred to the Committee on Paving.

Fire

Department.
discharge

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, James B. Gault was discharged as a fireman from Engine No. 4 for misdemeanor.

Fire Dept.
admission

On nomination by the Mayor Lewis Riggs was appointed fireman of Engine No. 4, in place of James B. Gault discharged.

Special
Police

On nomination by the Mayor Matthew Mansfield was appointed a Special Police Officer for duty in Congress Street and Thomas Merrill a Special Police Officer for duty in East Street.

Gymnasium
School House

A request from the School Committee that the Hook and Ladder building may be removed from the premises of the Gymnasium School House, was referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Instruction came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Barnes

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas P. Barnes, to be paid for loss of stock in his store in Lock Square on the occasion of the Riot in July last, beg leave to Report. That by agreement with Mr. Barnes, who claimed damages to the amount of nearly six thousand dollars, the matter was referred to three disinterested persons, acquainted with the hardware business, viz: Messrs William G. Brock, Joseph West, and John P. Loring. They have awarded to Mr. Barnes three thousand three hundred and sixty dollars, and the Committee recommend the passage of the accom-

paying order, to pay the award and cost of reference to the 719
Committee. C. A. Norcross, Chairman. Ordered: That there be Dec. 17. 1863
paid to Thomas P. Burns, on account of damages to his stock
and store in Dock Square by a tumultuous assembly, on the
14th day of July 1863, the sum of three thousand three hundred
and fifty dollars; and to William G. Hook, Joseph Hook, and
John P. Gould the sum of twenty-five dollars, that being the
City's share of the costs of Reference in the case; said sums to
be charged to the appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Lit-
igious Claims. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concu-
rrence. December 17. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor
December 18. 1863.

The Committee on Fire Alarms, Fire
to whom was referred the petition of John A. Reed and others Alarm
that a fire-alarm station be established on First Street near South Boston.
I. Reed, have considered the same, and recommend the pas-
sage of the accompanying order. For the committee, J. A. Denis, Chair-
man. Ordered: That the Committee on Fire Alarms be authoriz-
ed to establish Fire Alarm signal Stations at or near the follow-
ing places: corner of Eighth and N. Street; at City Point; at the
corner of 1st and First Street; on Sullivan Street: the expense there-
of to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Alarms. Read twice
and passed. Sent down for concurrence. December 24. Came up
concurred. Approved by the Mayor December 26. 1863.

Ordered: That Aldermen Spinney and Norcross with such as the Common Council may join
be a Committee to consider and report on the expediency of in-
creasing the salaries paid to the usual salaried Officers of the Salaries

720 City. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 17. Same approved. Mayor
Dec. 14. 1863. at State House. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 13. 1863

Commiss
of Poor

Ordered: That the Committee on
the Commissions of the Poor have further time to report on the request
of said Commissions for an additional appropriation of twenty thousand
and dollars, and that said Committee be requested to report at
the next meeting of the Common Council. Passed in Common
Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved
by the Mayor December 15. 1863.

Barry

King

Petitions of P. Barry and others - of
Grand King St. and others, that the City would appropriate twenty
thousand dollars to aid the State Fair. Referred in Common
Council to the Committee on Commissions of the Poor. Came up for con-
currence. Read and concurred.

Branch
Avenue

The order submitted to the Board
on the seventh instant for the acceptance of Branch Avenue from
Hillier to Charles Street, was read a second time and passed
with this amendment strike out "Hillier" and insert "Spruce".
Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 15. 1863.

Messenger
Street
Chestnut
Street

The order submitted to the
Board on the seventh instant laying out portions of Mes-
senger and Chestnut Streets at their junction by taking land
of the heirs of James Haman, was read a second time and
passed. Approved by the Mayor December 15. 1863.

Dorchester
Street

The order submitted to the Board
on the seventh instant defining the lines of Dorchester Street
between Eighth Street and the Old Colony and Fall River Rail
Road, was read a second time & passed. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 15. 1863.

The resolve and order sub- 721

mited to the Board on the seventh instant to widen Harrison Dec. 14. 1863
Avenue by taking land of Peter C. Brooks, Jr were read a second Harrison
time and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 15. 1863 Avenue

Ordered: That there be paid Brooks

to Peter C. Brooks, Jr the sum of three hundred dollars for land
taken to widen Harrison Avenue, upon his giving to the City a
deed of the same, and acquittance and discharge for all dam-
ages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking, and the
same be charged to the appropriation for laying out and wid-
ening street. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec
15. 1863.

Ordered: That there be paid Tidd

to the owners of land formerly belonging to Jacob Tidd the sum of
twenty seven hundred dollars, for land recently taken from them
to widen Judbury Street, upon the giving to the City a deed for the
same, and an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs
and expenses in consequence of said taking, by as many of said
owners as can legally convey their title to the City, and upon the
residue of said owners giving to the City such release and dis-
charge for said damages, costs and expenses as shall be sat-
isfactory to the City Solicitor; and that the same be charged to
the appropriation for laying out and widening street. Ordered:
That seventeen hundred dollars be paid as aforesaid, when
not less than four fifths of said land shall have been con-
veyed, or damages for the taking thereof released, as aforesaid,
and the balance, one thousand dollars, when the foregoing
order shall have been fully complied with. Ordered, That

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The several orders heretofore adopted, and approved by the
Mayor respectively October 5 1863 and December 9. 1863 for the
payment of the same sum to the devisee or heirs of Jacob
Hill Jr, and the same are hereby annulled and cancelled
and twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 15 1863.

Hill

The report and order submit-
ted to the Board on the seventh instant to abate from the tax
assessed in 1863 upon lot 13 on Hill Street the sum of eleven
dollars and fifty cents were read a second time and passed.
Approved by the Mayor December 15. 1863.

Higgins

The report and order sub-
mitted to the Board on the seventh instant to pay the legal
charges against that portion of lot 87 89 Gore Street now in posses-
sion of E. C. Gore and restore the same to John Higgins upon the
payment to said Higgins of twelve dollars and sixteen cents
to the City Treasury, were read a second time and were passed
with this amendment. Strike out twelve dollars and sixteen cents
and insert four dollars and sixty cents. Approved by the Mayor
December 15. 1863.

Middlesex
Railroad
Fifth Location

The order submitted to the Board
on the seventh instant granting a location of a curved
track in Berwick and Causeway Streets in front of the Fitch-
burg Railroad Station was read a second time and passed. Ap-
proved by the Mayor Dec. 16. 1863.

Blix

The report and order submitted
to the Board on the seventh instant for the abatement of the
personal taxes assessed upon H. C. Blix for the year 1863 were read

a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 15 1863. 723

The report and order submitted to the Board on the seventh instant to abate the taxes assessed upon Houses N^o 1 and 2 McLean Street being the "House of the Good Samaritan" were read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 15. 1863

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Good

Samaritan

The order submitted to the Board on the seventh instant to pay Walter H. Wilson two hundred dollars for land laid out to widen Dorchester Street was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 15. 1863.

Wilson

The order submitted at the meeting of the Board on the seventh instant for the Superintendent of Streets to grade Harre Street between Bennington & Porter Streets, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 16. 1863.

Harre

Street

The order submitted to the Board on the seventh instant for the Superintendent of Streets to construct a culvert at corner of Chestnut and River Street, was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 15. 1863.

Chestnut

& River

Street

The order submitted to the Board on the seventh instant to pay Jacob H. Hathorne the sum of two thousand one hundred and ninety four dollars and eighty cents for land taken to widen Genes Street was read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 15. 1863.

Hathorne

Ordered: That there be paid Pray

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Dec 14. 1863 to C. F. Bay as Trustee of the Estate of J. A. Licker the sum of
eighteen hundred and twenty one dollars for land taken in the
year 1861 to widen Federal Street, and for loss of rent, & claims
of tenants by the removal of the buildings on the land taken for
the widening on said State, upon his giving to the City a Deed
for the same, and an acquittance and discharge for all dam-
ages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking; and the
same be charged to the appropriation for unliquidated claims
for laying out and widening streets. Read twice and passed Ap-
proved by the Mayor Dec. 15. 1863

Gennin

The order submitted to the Board
on the seventh instant to pay Ann Gennin seventy five dollars
for grade damages on Second Street was read a second time and
passed. Approved by the Mayor December 16. 1863.

Melston

The order submitted to the Board
on the seventh instant to pay John Melston seventy five dollars
for grade damages on Second Street was read a second time &
passed. Approved by the Mayor, December 16. 1863.

Williams

The order submitted to the Board
on the seventh instant to pay Richard Williams one hundred
dollars for grade damages was read a second time and passed.
Approved by the Mayor Dec. 16. 1863.

Whitman

The order submitted to the Board
on the seventh instant to pay Lizzie C. Whitman one hundred
dollars for grade damages on Second Street was read a second
time and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 16. 1863

On motion of Alderman He 725

res the subject of the purchase of a new site for the Lunatic Hospital, which was especially assigned for today was further assigned for Monday next. Sec. M. M. C. Lun. Hospital

On motion of Alderman Rice Back Bay

the Board took up the subject of Back Bay drainage and the question being on the adoption of the order on that subject as here before amended. Alderman Amory moved to amend the order as recorded page 485, by adding thereto the following proviso: Provided, that said Committee shall first procure from the Legislature - An Act legalizing the water-pipes on the Mill Dam route: An Act authorizing the appointment of Commissioners by the Cities of Boston and Roxbury and the town of Dorchester with full powers to construct a sewer into Dorchester Bay, to carry off the sewage of so much of their territory as can conveniently be drained thereby: An Act authorizing the deepening of the South Bay and Charles River Basins, with power to take lands adjacent, at value, where needed either for the increase of the tidal reservoirs or for the public health, the expense thereof to be defrayed from the sales of any lands reclaimed from the sea, or by said City of Boston, as may be thought most desirable by said Committee: An Act requiring the raising of the Boston and Worcester and Boston and Providence Rail Roads to grade of ten feet above mean low water, west of Tremont Street and south of Church Street: An Act empowering the Board of Aldermen of Boston to raise the grade of any street in said City now under fourteen feet above mean low water, to that grade, without liability to grade damages to any abutter thereon who refuses to raise or remodel

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disturbances upon said street to conform to said new grade,
upon paying one half the cost of said raising or alteration.
And provided, said modification shall not affect the Article
Seventh of the Tripartite Agreement so as to lessen the liability
of said Water Sewer Company to said City, or the rights of
the City or its inhabitants to drainage, as provided in the sev-
eral Agreements now on record establishing, controlling, or
defining the same. The question being on the passage of
the foregoing amendment. Alderman Amory moved that
the same be laid on the table and printed, which motion
was adopted by the following vote. Yeas. Aldermen Amory, Webb,
Senie, Hendrick, March, Kierulff, Thier, & Sons. Aldermen Paul,
Eric Spinning, Hundish, Stern 5. No said motion prevailed.

Second hand
articles
Wood and Tennison were li-
censed as dealers in Second Hand Articles at 161 Dorchester
Avenue.

Sewer
lot yard
The Committee on Public Build-
ings to whom was referred the application of the Superin-
tendent of Sewers for additional room for the deposit of tools &
materials, has have to report. That the land in Fruit Street which
the Superintendent of Sewers applied for is under the control of
the Paving Department, and the Committee therefore recom-
mend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Paving
of the Board of Aldermen. For the Committee, Joseph F. Paul, Chair-
man. Read, accepted and referred accordingly.

People's
Ferry.
Ordered: That the Committee on
that be authorized to repair the Docks and Piers of the People's

Ferry Company belonging to the city, at an expense not ex- 727
ceeding five thousand dollars to be charged to the appropriate
lien for laying out and widening Street. Read once

Aldermen Paul & Hinshaw Votes
were appointed a committee to examine the returns of votes Com^{rs} on
cast this day for Municipal Officers.

Adjourned to Thursday next at eleven o'clock, A.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the city of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Thurs-
day the Seventeenth day of December, Anno Domini, 1863
Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Aldermen Clark, Har-
rison, Spinney and Standish.

Petition of John T. Dingley and Dingley
others that a small piece of Land may be laid in Albany
Street between Beach and Knolland Streets. Referred to the Com-
mittee on Sewers.

The committee who were ap- Votes
pointed to examine the returns of votes cast in the several Report of
wards on the fourteenth instant, for a Mayor and Aldermen. A
committee on
dermen, have attended to that duty and respectfully report,
that the returns from the several wards appear to be perfectly
made and the results are correctly recorded in the book kept

for that purpose from which it appears that Frederic W. Lincoln having a plurality of votes has been duly elected Mayor of this City for the ensuing Municipal Year: and that Robert Marsh, Abram A. Howard, Sylvanus A. Denio, George W. Heringer, Eli Norcross, Daniel Davis, Charles E. Davis, George W. Burdett, L. M. Sherman, Nathaniel C. Vane, William W. Clapp and George W. Sprague having a plurality of votes have been duly elected Aldermen of this City for the ensuing Municipal Year. Your Committee recommend that the foregoing persons be duly notified of their election by the City Clerk, Joseph F. Paul, for E. Henshaw, Committee. Read and accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Monday the twenty first day of December, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Henshaw.

Henshaw

Petition of Barock Hirschon for appointment as a dealer in Second Hand Articles at 428 Market Street. Referred to the Committee on Licenses.

A communication was 729

received from the Trustees of Mount Hope Cemetery asking for Dec. 21, 1863
information as to the size of the lot to be appropriated for Mount Hope
St. Matthews Church interments and for appointment of some cemetery
Committee to confer with in relation thereto. Referred to the Com- St. Matthews
mittee on Cemeteries.

A remonstrance signed by St. Matthews
George N. Whitman of Bitterica Caleb S. Whitman of Gardiner, Cemetery
Maine Benjamin G. Whitman of Hartford, Conn. Thomas H.
Lunham Anna C. Allen Maria L. Pluck Jonathan Prescott, remonstrance
of Charlestown Charles Henrich and Sarah A. Kent against the
proposed removal of bodies deposited in St. Matthews Church
Cemetery as proposed by this Board, was read and referred
to the Committee on Cemeteries.

Petition of Charles L. Gibson & Gibson
others that the numbers of the houses on Chester Park and
Chester Square may be re-arranged. Referred to the Commit-
tee on Paving.

Petition of the Independent Cadets.
Company of Cadets for use of Faneuil Hall Dec. 29 and Jan- Faneuil Hall
uary 4 for purposes of drill. Referred to the Committee on Fan-
cuil Hall with full power.

On nomination by the Mayor Police
Miram Batchelder, Francis A. Blackwell, Nathaniel C. Sawitt,
and Isaac A. Carter were appointed and confirmed as Police
Officers of this City with all the powers of Constables except the
power of serving and executing civil process.

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Female
Med College

others in and of the petition of the Trustees of the Female Medical College for a suitable lot of land near the City Hospital to be improved by the Female Medical College for hospital purposes. Referred in Common Council to the Board of Land Commissioners. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Auditor's

Ordered: That the order which

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passed the City Council relating to an additional appropriation for the Auditor's Office be referred to the Committee on Salaries, and that the Special Committee appointed to consider the same be discharged from this duty. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 23, 1863.

Police

Ordered: That from and after

Lieutenants
pay

the first day of July last the pay of the Lieutenants of Police be at the rate of two dollars and seventy five cents per day. Referred in Common Council to the Committee on Salaries. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 23, 1863.

Ordinances
for Members

Ordered: That the Committee on

Ordinances be directed to furnish each member of the present City Government with a copy of the Revised Ordinances of 1863, when completed. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by Mayor Dec. 23, 1863.

Ophthalmia

The Committee on Institu-

tions, who were requested to inquire into the condition of the boys in the Institutions at Sea Island, in regard to Ophthalmic disease, have attended to that duty and beg leave to report.

That in all Institutions like those at Deer Island there are 731
many boys of scrofulous constitution who are extremely liable Dec 21/1863
to ophthalmia, especially during epidemic seasons; but there
have been not more than three cases at any one time in
the Deer Island Institutions during the present year; and there
are now none. The Committee are not of opinion that any
medical inquiry is necessary. For the Committee, Sam^l R. Spin-
ney, Chairman. Read and Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.
December 24. Came up concurred.

The Committee on Institutions House of
to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Inspector Reformation
of Prisons, as relates to the condition of the House of Reforma-
tion of this County at the close of the year 1862, beg leave to re-
port: That this document was laid before the Board of Alder-
men on the 27th day of July, but the Common Council having
taken their summer vacation, its reference to this Committee was
not completed until the 28th of September. In the meantime a
portion of the Committee unofficially visited the House of Refor-
mation and made partial inquiries as to the case of misman-
agement alleged by the Inspector. The result of these inquiries
was reported to the full Committee, who at once appointed a
time for making an official examination of the charges. Be-
fore the time arrived other business of the City intervened to
prevent the fulfilment of the appointment. Two or three other
times have been assigned for going into the matter, but the ex-
traordinary pressure of public business, recruiting and other mat-
ters considered by the Committee more immediately import-
ant than they deemed these charges to be, from such informa-

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tion as they had already obtained, and the great length of time which elapsed between the occurrence of the alleged ill-treatment of inmates of the House of Reformation and the presentation of the facts to the City Council, these matters have on each occasion caused a postponement. The season has now so far advanced that the Committee do not think it would be proper for them to make an investigation, which might be hurried and incomplete. If, as we understand from the public prints, the Report of the Inspectors for the first six months of this year lately submitted and now in the hands of the City Printer, contains additional charges of a like character, it will be eminently proper that they be investigated at the same time as those in the Report under consideration. The Committee therefore recommend that the consideration of the Report be referred to the next City Council. For the Committee, Sam^l R. Spinney, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence

Cemeteries

A request from the Committee on Cemeteries (See City Doc 104) for an additional appropriation of six hundred dollars was referred to the Committee on Finance. Sent down for concurrence. December 24 came up concurred.

Military
Corps
aid to.

City Doc 100

The Special Committee appointed under an order of the City Council on the 28th day of July, 1863, to whom was referred so much of the communication of His Honor the Mayor as refers to the expenses of the military organizations of this City, having considered the subject, have now the honor to Report, That the maintenance of a sufficient military force to

sustain the civil power has, in their opinion, been too much neglected for many years, not only in this Commonwealth, but in all the Free States of the Union. At the commencement of the year 1860, we had in Boston.

2 Regiments of Infantry 833 men
1 Company of Light Artillery 84
1 Battalion of Light Dragoons 197
1114 men.

of whom 845 reported for duty, and 269 were absent. This force, with the Independent Company of Cadets, then mustering about 110 men, comprised the entire organized militia of the City. During the first year of the rebellion so many of the members of the Infantry companies joined the armies of the United States, that the two regiments were so much depleted as to become extinct as organizations. This left the Battalion of Light Dragoons, the Independent Cadets, and a Battery of Light Artillery the entire force belonging to the City which could be lawfully summoned by the civil authorities to suppress the riot of July last, to which the communication of the Mayor related. True it is that we had two volunteer associations, the National Guard and the Rifle Club who were ready to serve, and did so, but how far the members of such associations would be legally justified in obeying an order of the Mayor to fire upon a mob of rioters, is a grave question. Human life may be lawfully taken by the instruments lawfully authorized to take it, acting under orders lawfully given, if the public safety requires the sacrifice. The theory of the law is, that the civil authorities may call up on the organized militia to suppress an insurrection or quell a riot, and if life be taken in obedience to orders thus given, the

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act may be justified by the plea of obedience to lawful author-
ity. But if a man, not lawfully enrolled in the militia, shall
take the life of another, he cannot plead obedience to orders, not
being bound lawfully to obey. When it is considered that in
suppressing a riot the lives of innocent men are often sacrific-
ed, it becomes important to observe a strict adherence to the
requirements of the law and to see that the instruments used are
those the law has provided, and no others. Hence it follows that
every community should possess a sufficient military force for
such emergencies lawfully organized, and recognized upon the
public records as bound to obey lawful orders. The Committee fully
appreciate the patriotism of the young men who formed the volun-
tary association named, and the zeal for the public safety which
prompted them to aid the civil arm in suppressing the riot. Indeed,
their merit is enhanced by the consideration that they were not
protected by the arms of the law, to the same extent as the enrolled
troops. The killing of any person by one of them might have been
a murder, whilst the same act by a militia man would have
been justifiable homicide. It is clearly wrong that the Mayor of
the City should be forced to accept the aid of voluntary associa-
tions, for whose acts he is morally responsible, owing to the non-ex-
istence of a force whose acts may be lawfully justified. The
necessary inference is, that we ought to have a sufficient
number of militia, to enable us to dispense with the services
of mere volunteers on such occasions, whereas the regular
militia of the City, who could be lawfully summoned to
suppress the riot of July, did not exceed four hundred men. By
an act of the Legislature in 1862 (Chap. 111.) provision was made
for increasing the volunteer militia of the Commonwealth to a

number not exceeding two hundred and fifty companies, and 735
not exceeding twenty-five thousand men, to whom the law de- Sec 21, 1863
cords the same inconsiderable allowances previously granted
to volunteer militia; and in 1862, an act was passed (chap. 192)
declaring that every able-bodied male citizen, resident within
the Commonwealth, liable to enrolment by the laws of the
United States, should be enrolled in the militia. The act does
not state, when, where, or how, such enrolment is to be made, and
for all practical purposes, an act providing that every able-bodied
man should eat his dinner, would appear to be equally
important, having that the word "while," contained in previous
acts was omitted. Under this act of 1862 a company has been
organized in Ward Twelve, under the command of Captain Her-
bert Wright, and a company of colored men, in Ward Six, un-
der the command of Captain Lewis Gaul. With reference to ar-
mories, it is the opinion of the Committee that whenever a
regiment shall be mustered there should be erected, in some
central part of the City, a building of sufficient capacity to serve
as an arsenal and a drill-room, with accommodation for ar-
tillery, a fire-proof depositary for ammunition, and proper armo-
ries for infantry. That a City like ours should be thus provided,
is evidenced by the example of almost every place of equal pop-
ulation in this country and Europe. Such a building is recom-
mended on the score of economy, in preference to paying the rent
of numerous detached armories. This matter, however, may be
postponed until we have troops to occupy the building, although
the existence of suitable accommodation would have a tendency
to induce enlistment. Passing from this history of what is, and
these suggestions of what ought to be the state of the militia of

736. our City, your Committee come to the consideration of the
Dec. 21 1861 claims of the existing organizations upon the public treasury.
At the time of the riot the corps called regularly into service
were the Independent Company of Cadets, the Battalion of En-
savers, and the Battery of Light Artillery. The Battalion of Na-
tional Guard and the Massachusetts Rifle Club were volun-
teer associations, who turned out with alacrity, but who
could not have been lawfully required to render service. The
Committee recommend the adoption of the following order.
John S. Tyler, Joseph L. Benson, Grenville Mearns, Edwin A. Cut-
ler, William E. Bicknell. Ordered: That the following sums be
and the same hereby are appropriated for the use of the ex-
isting military organizations in this City to wit: To the In-
dependent Company of Cadets, the sum of fifteen hundred
dollars. To the Battalion of Light Ensigns, the sum of two
thousand dollars. To the Eleventh Battery of Artillery, the
sum of five hundred dollars, and for the purchase of one
hundred sabres or one hundred pistols, as may be found
most expedient, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dol-
lars, the pistols or sabres to be the property of the City. To the As-
sociation called the National Guard, the sum of eight hun-
dred dollars. To the Massachusetts Rifle Club, the sum of
four hundred dollars. To Captain Albert J. Wright's Company,
the sum of one thousand dollars, and to Captain Lewis Gould's
Company, the sum of five hundred dollars. To be charged
to the Appropriation for Incidental Expenses and Miscellane-
ous Claims. Read twice and passed with this amendment.
Strike out the foregoing order and insert the following. Order-
ed: That the sum of ten thousand dollars be placed in the

hands of His Honor the Mayor to be expended at his discretion 737
for the encouragement of the Military Organizations of this City. Dec 21. 1863
and that the same be charged to the appropriation for their
expenses. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred.
Approved by the Mayor Dec. 26. 1863

The Committee on the Overseers of the Poor, to whom was referred the application of the Poor, to appropriate twenty thousand dollars for disbursements to families and individuals having no legal settlement, and the several petitions in aid thereof, have given the subject consideration, and beg leave to submit the following Report. The application of the Overseers of the Poor is for an appropriation for disbursement to persons having no legal settlement. The petitions presented an aid for aid to the worthy & industrious poor, making no distinction between those who have or have not a settlement. There was no statement giving the reasons for the application from the Overseers accompanying their application, and the Committee were at a loss to judge of the motives which induced it; and in order that they might learn and report as correctly as possible to the City Council all the facts, the Overseers of the Poor were invited to meet the Committee; and agreeably to the invitation, all were present on the eleventh instant. In answer to a question in regard to the origin of the application, it was stated that the proposition was brought up and discussed at a meeting in October, when eleven of the Overseers were present, and was not agreed to; but it appears that it was again brought up and passed on the second instant, when there were only seven of the Board present, one occupying the chair and not voting. One of the gentlemen, how-

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ever, stated he should not have voted for it upon his own judgment, but was influenced by others to do so. The City Council appropriated in May, the sum of twelve thousand dollars for the assistance of the poor having a legal settlement in this City, and the sum of two thousand six hundred dollars for temporary aid to the poor of cities and towns in the State falling into distress and five thousand dollars for the like aid to those who had no legal settlement in the Commonwealth. In order to ascertain how much of the above appropriations had been expended, the Committee requested a statement of the names, residence, date, amount and kind of assistance rendered each class under the above appropriation, and were informed that it could not be furnished in full from any accounts in the office; the custom being during the summer months to charge all the aid rendered to each individual in one amount as cash, and in winter to make a separation, and that the residence was not upon all the accounts rendered. The Committee are of opinion that such accounts in detail should be furnished the City Council quarterly. December is the first month in which they have been accustomed to distribute coal, and each of the Overseers reported a large number of applications from persons having no legal settlement, most of whom had been accustomed to receive it in former years, and had not been notified of the change intended. It was the duty of each Overseer to have given such notice early in the year, as was repeatedly requested by your Committee. By reference to City Document No. 55, it will be found that provision is made for all persons who have not a legal settlement in Boston, in the State. The accommodations of the State are ample, new and commodious houses, well warmed and supplied, where the un-

fortunate who are compelled to apply from actual necessity, will be much better off than in the places they are forced from their unhappy circumstances to occupy in the city. The number who will be obliged to resort to almshouses, we are pleased to say, is comparatively small; for in answer to our inquiries of several of the Overseers, they thought seventy to seventy five per cent. would in some way manage for themselves; and the amount has often been stated higher. The fact was stated that in many instances families, amounting to fifty in some of the wards, annually move into Boston to spend the winter months to avail themselves of our charities, and return to the country, upon the opening of the spring. This class we shall not be obliged to provide for in future. No other cities or towns in the Commonwealth have continued to furnish supplies to the poor not having a legal settlement; and the State authorities are pleased to learn that we have decided to conform to the rule, for the reason that those parties who are paupers when they land in the country, if out of this State, can, if at once sent to the State institutions, be returned to the port where they landed, or be sent, if received by water, direct to the port of shipment. If allowed to remain in our City and be helped by the Overseers, they in many cases remain beyond the prescribed time, or have children born, and then they and the children are fixed upon the State for a term of years; the present occupants of the State almshouses are largely of this class. From inquiry, we learn that although in some wards many cases of need were reported, very little investigation had been made into the real facts, only amounting to some six or eight cases in the most populous district, so that the real destitution was judged of only by inference. That

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Dec. 21. 1863 there are cases of real suffering the Committee do not doubt,
and there always would be under any system in so large a
city; yet it would seem that where only five hundred dollars
out of the five thousand dollars appropriated for temporary aid
has been expended, there could not have been very much ex-
treme poverty, or even the temporary aid given would have
required a larger expenditure. From our inquiries we are of
opinion that the poor classes of the population are more com-
fortable now than for many years. Labor is in great demand,
and quite equal in price to the high rates demanded for the
necessaries of life. The amount disbursed monthly by the City
as State aid to soldiers' dependents, and the amount paid out
weekly from the two Soldiers' Funds to parties who are sick or who
are connected in any way with the soldiers who are disab-
led or who have died in the service, amounts to about thirty
thousand dollars per month. In addition there are various ward
and private soldiers' associations, which do much good. The Provi-
dent and other associations can doubtless be much enriched
by a little extra effort, and placed in a position to assist all
the cases of deserving paupers which may occur in consequence
of the change which has been made in order to conform to the
law; and the opinion of a gentleman long acquainted with
our charitable associations was given by one of the Overseers,
that the matter would soon regulate itself through these socie-
ties. In May, when the order for appropriation was passed,
one thousand copies of Document No. 55 were printed and dis-
tributed throughout the city, one to each minister, physician,
overseer, and officer of each and every charitable association.
So far, the Committee have attended to their duty. In the opinion

of some of the oldest and most experienced of the Overseers, 741
the change, if persevered in will have decidedly beneficial moral effect, and tend to elevate a class of people who do not
now make an effort to sustain themselves. The illegality of Dec 21 1863
granting the appropriation appeared to be understood by all
of the Overseers, and no doubt influenced the action of the Board
when the proposition was first discussed, and it was suggested
by some of them that if the City Council should decide to make
an illegal appropriation, they should distribute it through a
Committee of their own. The Committee annex the opinion of the
City Solicitor which was given to the City Council on the fourteenth
of April last, in which the illegality of the City Council appropriat-
ing money for the purpose applied for is fully set forth. Under
these circumstances the Committee recommend that the appropria-
tion should not be granted. Otis Norcross, Elias Peirce, Joseph Buckley,
J. H. Coolidge, Nathan Morse. In Common Council. Read and ac-
cepted. Came up for concurrence, and the question being on con-
currence Alderman Spinney moved to substitute for said report
the following Preamble and order: Whereas the Overseers of the
Poor in the City of Boston have for a number of years, furnished
a small amount of fuel during the winter months to poor wid-
ows residing in the several Wards in the City; and whereas on
account of some legal technicalities they have this year discon-
tinued the same, thereby causing much suffering among poor &
worthy persons of this class, therefore Ordered: That the Overseers of
the Poor of the several Wards, be authorized to expend a sum,
not exceeding in the aggregate ten thousand dollars, to furnish
fuel to such poor widows having no legal settlement in the City
as have resided in Boston the past three years, and have here-

742 before received fuel from the City, the same to be charged to In-
Dec. 21/1863 cidental Expenses & Miscellaneous Claims:—The question being
on the adoption of said amendment Alderman Stevens moved
to amend the same by substituting the following order (Read,
That the sum of five thousand dollars be and the same is
herby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the
Aldermen and Common Councilmen from the several Wards
for the temporary assistance of such persons as cannot legally
be relieved by the Overseers of the Poor and all such expenditures
by the City Council shall be charged to the appropriation for
Miscellaneous Claims and a report thereof shall be made to the
City Council embracing the names, residences, and the character
and amount of assistance rendered. The question being taken on
this substitute it was lost by a vote of 6 to 5. The question then recur-
ring upon Alderman Spinnery's motion a lengthy debate ensued
thereon which was terminated by a motion of Alderman Paul to
refer the whole subject to the next City Council. on this motion the
Yeas and Nays were taken as follows. Yeas Aldermen Clark, Marsh,
Norcross, Paul, Price, Standish & Nays, Aldermen Emory, Senior, Spin-
ney, Stevens, Tyler. 5 To said motion to refer prevailed. Sent down
for concurrence.

Lunatic

Hospital

On motion of Alderman Norcross the
report and order of the Committee on Institutions recommending
that a new site be procured whereon to erect a new Lunatic Hospi-
tal were referred to the next City Council Sent down for concurrence.
Dec. 24 came up concurred.

Fire
Department

A communication was received from
Charles C. Henry tendering to the City Council his resignation of

the office of Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department from and 743
after January first next. Read and accepted. Sent down for concu- Dec. 21/1863
rence. Dec. 24. Came up concurred.

The Committee on the Fire Department Washingtonian

Department, to whom was referred the petition of the Washingtonian Home for abatement of taxes, have considered the same, and beg leave to Report. That the Washingtonian Home is an incorporated and recognized charitable institution, which should receive the benefit of the law authorizing abatements of taxes, and the Committee therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee, N. A. Stevens, Chairman. Ordered: That there be paid to Etis Clapp, President of the Washingtonian Home, the sum of two hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty cents, that being the amount of the taxes assessed and paid for the year 1863 upon that portion of estate No 887 Washington Street occupied by said Institution. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 23^d 1863.

Whereas, it appears to this Board that a necessity exists for the construction of a Sewer in Albany Street between Beach and Threland, it is hereby Ordered, That the Superintendent of Sewers be and he is hereby directed to construct a common Sewer in said Albany Street, and to report a schedule of the expense thereof to this Board, pursuant to law. Read twice & passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 23, 1863.

Albany Street
Sewer

Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to take up and remove the pavement down upon the Charles Street Bridge and remove said structure by sections as fast as the space cleared can be filled with the ashes collected by the City, and that when the whole of said

Charles Street
bridge

744 filling has been hurried over and become sufficiently settled.
Dec. 21 1863 to repair the roadway with the round stones taken up from said
bridge. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 23 1863

Kane &
Hayes

See page 620.

Ordered: That there be paid to
Patrick Kane and Mary Hayes the sum of three hundred dol-
lars, in full compensation for any and all claims for damages
to their estate numbered 255 Second Street caused by the grading
of said Second Street upon their proving their title to said es-
tate to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor and upon their giving
to the City an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs
and expenses in consequence of said grading, and the same be
charged to the appropriation for Paving, &c. Ordered: That the order
passed Nov. 4 1863 to pay said Patrick Kane and Mary Hayes two
hundred dollars be and the same hereby is rescinded. Read twice
and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 23, 1863.

People's Ferry
docks & piers.

The order submitted to the Board
on the fourteenth instant for the Committee on Streets to repair the
docks and piers of the People's Ferry Company at an expense not
exceeding five thousand dollars was read a second time and
was referred on motion of Alderman Paul to the next Board of
Aldermen.

Oil
Contract

Ordered: That the Committee on
Lamps be and they are hereby authorized to contract with B. F.
Hibbard to furnish oil for the Street Lamps of the City of Boston,
for the year 1864, at the rate of one dollar per gallon of oil, or one
cent per hour of lighting, according as they may deem for the
best interests of the City. Read twice & passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 23, 1863.

The Committee on Lamps beg 7/45

leave respectfully to represent that they have received through the Treasurer of the Boston Gas Light Company an application for increase of pay to the Gas Lamplighters. They have examined the matter, and would recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee, J. A. Denio, Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee on Lamps be and they are hereby authorized to approve the Pay-Roll of the Lighters of Gas Lamps at the rate of one and seventy one-hundredths cent per lamp per night. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 23 1863.

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Gas

Lamplighters

The Committee on Lamps, to

whom was referred the petition of the Lighters of Oil Lamps for increase of compensation, have considered the same, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee, J. A. Denio, Chairman. Ordered: That the Committee on Lamps be and they are hereby authorized to increase the Pay-Roll of the Lighters of Oil Lamps to the rate of two cent per lamp per night. Read twice and passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 23 1863

Lamplighters
Oil

The Superintendent of Sewers

submitted to the Board schedules of assessments for construction of Sewers in Carver Street, Union Street, North Russell and Eaton Streets. Referred to the Committee on Sewers

Russell & Eaton

Stuck Sewers

Ordered: That the Trustees of

the Free City Hospital cause a lithograph of said Hospital to be taken in such manner as they deem expedient and to furnish each member of the present City Government with a

City

Hospital

746 copy of the same. Read in Common Council. Came up for
Dec 21/83 concurrence. Read and laid on the table.

Gray
Holtbrook

The Committee on Paving and
Sewers to whom were referred the petitions of John C. Gray that
measures be taken whereby the surface water of Winter Street
and other streets may not be allowed to enter the Summer Street
sewer, and of Jesse Holtbrook and others that proper drainage for
the surface water at North end may be provided for, would re-
spectfully report that they be referred to the next Board of Alder-
men. L. M. Sturdivant Chairman Committee on Paving. Robert
Marsh Chairman Committee on Sewers. Read and accepted.

Sewers.

The Committee on Paving to
whom was referred the subject of providing more accommoda-
tions for the Sewer Department, reported a reference of the
subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

Duclos.
East Orange &
Battery March
Street.

The Committee on Paving, to
whom were referred the several petitions of Lem Duclos and
others that the name of East Orange Street may be changed
and of certain abutters that Battery March Street may be re-
paired, reported a reference of said subject to the next Board
of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

Stone
Gay.

The Committee on Sewers
to whom were referred the petitions of Ebenezer Stone that Hun-
over Court may be drained and of Thomas Gay and others that
a sewer may be laid in Eighth Street, reported a reference of the
subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

The Committee on Streets, to 747

whom were referred petitions of M. H. Simpson and others that Dec. 21. 1863
Province Street may be widened, of Henry Warren and others Simpson
that Green Street may be widened at corner of Standish Street. Warren
of David L. Webster and others that Federal Street may be wid- Webster
ened between Williams and High Streets, and of William Pope Pope
and others that Hanover Street may be widened on the Davis
estate, reported that said several subjects be referred to the next
Board of Aldermen. Read & accepted.

The Committee on Paving

on the petitions of Nathaniel Foster for damages caused by a Foster
change of grade of Village Street; of E. J. Todd and others, and Todd
Silvia Senty for grade damages in Emerald Street, and of C. M. Senty
Mather that his house may be raised to a new grade; would re- Mather
spectfully report thereon, that as the matter of raising the grade
of the territory upon which the property of the petitioners is situa-
ted is before a joint Committee of the City Council, it is inappe-
dient to take any action on the individual case of the petitioners,
but that a general plan should be agreed upon between the City
and the owners of the estates acquired by which the whole territory
should be raised at a fair cost to the City and the owners. For
the Committee L. Miles Standish, Chairman. Read & accepted.

Agreeably to the report of the Market
Committee on the Market lease was granted to Jacob Graves to have
for lease of Hall No 21 Hancock Hall Market to Marshall L. Adams
lease

Whereas, pursuant to an Order Council
of this Board, passed on the twelfth day of October 1863 public notice
Street

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Sec. 24 1863 thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Warren Street, the cost of which was two hundred and sixty four dollars and ninety three cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains one hundred and ninety eight dollars and twenty cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

North Russell
& Eaton
Streets

Whereas, pursuant to an Order of this Board, passed on the thirty first day of August, 1863, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in North Russell and Eaton Streets, the cost of which was five hundred and sixty dollars and fifty six cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains four hundred and twenty dollars and forty two cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Whereas, pursuant to an or- 7/19

der of this Board, passed on the fifteenth day of June 1863, notice thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been constructed in Union Street the cost of which was ten hundred and ninety dollars and one cent, one half part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains five hundred and forty five dollars, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law. It is therefore Ordered; that the persons named in the schedule herunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees. Dec 21/1863 Union Street

Notice was received from George Spendlthrift Liberty that he should this day resign his trust as Guardian of John Liberty, a Spendthrift in this County. Read and placed on file.

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses leave was given to Dr. La Rue to exhibit at Alston Hall a Diorama of the War. La Rue

On motion of Alderman Peice the Board took from the table the report and orders on Back Bay Sewerage and the question being on the amendments proposed to the first order by Alderman Amory on the fourteenth instant, the further consideration of the subject was assigned to Monday next. Back Bay Sewerage

On the petition of Laurence Fugan and of Mary Ann Ferrin severally to be paid for dam- Fugan Ferrin

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and occasional exchange of grade on Second Street, the Com-
mittee on Paving reported leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Way

On petition of Samuel A. Way that
Federal Street may be widened near the foot of Summer Street
the Committee on Paving reported that the petitioners have leave to
withdraw. Read and accepted.

Robertson

On petition of R. A. Robertson and
others that the name of West Canton Street may be changed the
Committee on Paving reported that it is inexpedient to grant the
prayer of the petitioners. Read and accepted.

Jepson

On the petition of Henry C. Jepson for
leave to place a cast-iron doorway in sidewalk of 308 Fremont Street,
the Committee on Paving reported that the opening in question has
been constructed according to the rules. Read and accepted.

Braman

Ordered: That there be paid to
the heirs of Jarris Braman the sum of nine hundred and nine-
ty three and ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ dollars, for land released to widen Mesinger Street,
and for the purpose of extending Chestnut Street, upon their giving to
the City a deed for the same, and an acquittance and discharge
for all damages, costs and expenses in consequence of said taking,
and that the same be charged to the appropriation for laying out
and widening streets. Read once.

Union Park
Street

Lunham

Resolved, that the safety and
convenience of the inhabitants of the City require that Union Park
Street, formerly Ricks Court, should be widened, and for that
purpose it is necessary to take, and lay out as a public street or way

of the said City, a parcel of land belonging to Thomas S. Luskam ; 51.
(formerly belonging to J. J. Walworth, M. J. Fendler and C. C. Walworth) Dec. 21/1863
bounded as follows, viz: Southwesterly by the proposed line of widening of said street, there measuring one hundred and nineteen feet and $\frac{7}{10}$; Southeasterly by Madison Avenue six feet and $\frac{4}{10}$; Northeasterly by the present line of Union Park Street one hundred and twenty two feet and $\frac{3}{10}$; and Northwesterly by land late of Granite Works, Eden Spru and Russell W. Burke and Company, six feet: containing seven hundred and twenty six square feet and $\frac{7}{10}$, more or less. And whereas, due notice has been given of the intention of this Board to take the said parcel of land for the purpose aforesaid, as appears by the return hereto annexed, It is therefore Ordered, That the parcel of land before described be, and the same hereby is, taken and laid out as a public street or way of the said City according to a plan of the said widening made by James Hade, formerly City Engineer, dated March 5th 1860, and deposited in the office of the said Board of Aldermen. And this Board doth adjudge that the expense of widening the said Union Park Street, as aforesaid, will amount to seven hundred twenty six and $\frac{7}{10}$ dollars; which sum, together with the amount of estimates of previous alterations or discontinuances in said street, during the present municipal year, does not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars. The said widening of street and taking of land, being in accordance with a Bond given to the said City by J. J. Walworth, M. J. Fendler and C. C. Walworth, dated March 6th 1860, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds; Liber 836. Folio 222. Read once

The Committee on Paving on Ashcroft
a communication received through the Committee on Paving

752 cut and widening Street, from Thomas Ashcroft would respectfully
report the accompanying order. For the Committee, L. Miles Handish,
Chairman. Ordered, That there be paid to Thomas Ashcroft the sum
of one hundred and fifty dollars, in full compensation for any
and all claims for damages to his building and the machinery
contained therein, situated on Middle Street, caused by grading
thereof and any non fulfillment of raising of said building &
machinery. Also in full relinquishment of all claims under a
specification attached to his signature to an agreement between the
city of Boston and the abutters on Middle Street for the opening &
grading of said Middle Street, dated Nov. 13. 1861, and witnessed
by James Wade. Also upon his proving his title to said estate to
the satisfaction of the City Solicitor, and upon his giving to the city
an acquittance and discharge for all damages, costs and expenses
above set forth; and the same be charged to the appropriation
for Paving &c. Read once.

Adjourned to Monday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board of
Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on Mon-
day the twenty eighth day of December, Anno Domini, 1863.

Present,

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except Alderman Amory.

Jurors.

Twenty two Grand Jurors were
drawn for the Superior Court (Criminal Session) Thirty two two

per juror for the same session. Thirty two have been juror for first session 753
(civil) of the Superior Court and thirty one have been juror for the Dec 28. 1863
second session of the same Court.

Petition of State Guard Compa State
ny N^o 3, for approval of their Armory at Lyceum Hall. Referred to Guard
the Committee on Armories.

Petition of Peter O'Hagan for O'Hagan
an appointment as an Auctioneer. Referred to the Committee on
Licenses.

Petition of John Drake's heirs for Drake
an abatement of taxes upon estates in Federal Street numbered
253-257. Referred to the Committee on the Fiscal Department on
part of the Aldermen.

Petition of the Indian American Indian
Home Education Society for abatement of taxes on estate numbered Socie
23-25 Albany Street. Referred to the Committee on the Fiscal De
partment on part of the Aldermen.

The Superintendent of Sewers India Allen.
Submitted to the Board Schedule of assessment for construc Whitany Street
tion of Sewers in India Street. Allen Street, and Albany Street.
Referred to the Committee on Sewers

Agreeably to the recommenda Fire Dept:
tion of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department the dis
charges of Alfred A. Perry from Engine Company N^o 1. George Hall
ett from Fire N^o 4. William A. Munroe and William C. Richardson
from Fire N^o 8. George L. Cooper from Hook and Ladder Company
N^o 1. were confirmed by the Board

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Fire Dept
admissions

On nomination by the Mayor.

Henry J. Young and Josiah J. Prescott were admitted members of Fire Company No 5 and Appleton Luthe was confirmed as Foreman of Fire in Engine Company No 1 Charles H. Pince as Foreman of Hose Company No 3 Henry J. Chase as Engineer of Engine No 1

Union Park

The resolve and order submitted

Street

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at the last meeting of the Board to widen Union Park Street by taking land of Thomas N. Durham, were read a second time and passed. Approved by the Mayor December 29. 1863

Braman

The order submitted at the last

meeting of the Board to pay Janis Braman's heirs nine hundred and ninety three ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ dollars for land taken to widen Messenger and extend Chestnut Streets was read a second time & passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 29. 1863.

Wherest

The order submitted at the last

meeting of the Board to pay Thomas Wherest one hundred and fifty dollars for grade damages on Middle Street on certain conditions therein set forth was read a second time & passed. Approved by the Mayor Dec 29. 1863.

Primary
School House

An order of the School Committee

surrendering to the City Council the Primary School House in Spring Street Place was referred in Common Council to the Committee on Public Buildings. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

Leavely

Ordered: That His Honor the

Mayor be, and he hereby is authorized to modify the conditions created by deed of the Town to Samuel Leavely, dated Sept 4th 1866,

and recorded with Suffolk Deeds Lib. 22. fol. 60. so that in case of 735
the present, or any future subdivision of the estate, no lot shall Dec. 28. 1863
be forfeited by reason of the breach of the condition, except only the
particular lot or parcel in which the breach may occur. Passed
in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and con-
curred. Approved by the Mayor Dec. 29. 1863

The Joint Committee on Bartlett
the Assessor's Department, to whom was referred an order to pay
William S. Bartlett his salary as Principal Assessor from May 1
to June 4. 1863, have considered the same and recommend its
passage. For the Committee, H. A. Stevens, Chairman. Read & accepted
and said order as recorded page 369, was passed. Sent down for
concurrence. Dec. 31. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor
January 1. 1864.

The Joint Special Committee Salaries
appointed to consider the expediency of raising the salaries of the
several City Officers, have attended to that duty and respectfully
Report. That the matter is one which requires careful examina-
tion, involving the expenditure of more than the Committee can
devote to it, on account of the very short time remaining be-
fore the close of the year; and they therefore recommend its up-
ference to the next City Council. For the Committee Saml. P. Spinney,
Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec.
31. Came up concurred.

The Committee on the Harbor New York
to whom was referred two orders originating in the Common Coun- Central
cil on the fourth of June last on the subject of the Draw of the Rail Road
Bridge of the Boston and New York Central Rail Road, beg leave
to report. That the Committee held a meeting on the premises, and

756 with the aid of J. Brooke Esq printed out to the Rail Road Com-
Dec. 28 1862 pany's agents, such a change in the direction of the Pier of the
Draw, as seemed to be necessary to prevent the running on the
flats, of vessels passing northwardly through the draw. The President
of the Company declared himself ready to conform the Pier to the
plan suggested by the Committee, but, as he was about leaving
home for a few days, he asked delay. On his return he stated to
the Chairman that he had completed such arrangements with
reference to the Railroad, as involved the necessity of dredging
out the flats between the westwardly line of the Boston Wharf Com-
pany, and Fort Point Channel, which measure will remove ob-
jections to the present direction of the Draw pier, and he intimated
that the dredging would be done without unnecessary delay.
Considering that there is some doubt of the authority of the City
Government to direct a change in a structure already built under
the direction of Commissioners appointed under an Act of incorpo-
ration; and that the Committee has no reason to doubt that the
dredging promised, will be done, they recommend that the matter
be referred to the next City Government. John F. Tyler, Chairman.
Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 31. Came up con-
curred.

Ewan

The Committee on Volunteers,
to whom was referred a petition of Robert Ewan that his son's
bounty may be paid to him, having given attention to the subject,
now Report: That the Attorney of the petitioner, Charles Cowley, Esq.
of Lowell, has conferred with the Chairman two or three times,
but has failed, as yet, to satisfy the Committee that the claim is
just. Mr. Cowley appears to be confident that the son of the peti-
tioner enlisted as one of the quota of Boston at the time the City

was paying one hundred dollars Bounty, that he did not receive the bounty, that he has been killed in the service, and that the sum ought to be allowed to the petitioner as legal heir at law, of a minor son. Mr. Bugbe, the Mayor's Clerk has made enquiries which have resulted in convincing him that no lawful claim against the City is made out. The Committee understand that the petitioner is needy, and they are unwilling to report against the claim, whilst there is a belief on the part of a respectable lawyer, that it can be fairly established. They therefore recommend a reference to the next City Government. John I. Tyler, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 31. Came up concurred.

The Committee on the Harbor who were authorized by an order passed on the 23^d of October last to cause the wreck of the Ship Alexander to be removed from the channel off Deer Island Spit, or to cause the same to be blown up, Report: That they advertised for proposals and received one, in writing, fixing the cost of removal at fifteen hundred dollars, and blowing up at five hundred; they had a verbal offer from another party to remove the wreck for eight hundred dollars, or blow it up for two hundred dollars. Consequently the written proposal was declined, and negotiations opened with the other party, who happened to be employed at the time on work at the Navy Yard which he could not leave; this circumstance caused delay, until the season has inclement, and this a strong objection to present action. Considering that the wreck lies in such deep water that no danger to passing vessels is apprehended, and that possibly it may break up during the winter, the Committee recommend that no further action be

738 had under the order, until the Spring opens, when divers may
Dec 28/63 be sent down at a small cost, and such action follow as the
then existing facts may make expedient. The Committee submit
with this report a valuable communication from Mr. Deschke
on the subject of this wreck, with a sketch of the position in
which it lies, that the facts may be accessible to the Harbor Com-
mittee of the ensuing year. John I. Tyler, Chairman Read and
accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 31. Came up concurred.

Russian

That

The Special Committee ap-

pointed by the City Council, by an order approved on the 8th
of October last, with full powers to make all suitable arrange-
ments for the reception and entertainment of Admiral Les-
cowski, and the officers of the Russian Squadron under his com-
mand on its arrival in this port; considering that the official
existence of their body must terminate with the current year,
deem it proper to Report: That the invitation extended to the
Admiral was accepted with the expectation, on his part, that
the visit would be made in the early part of the Autumn,
and that preliminary steps were adopted by a Committee of
Citizens as well as the City Government, to carry out the re-
ception, and entertainment, in a manner suited to the occa-
sion. Invitations were given to the Minister of Russia, Baron Stokel
and to the Lieutenant General of Russia, Baron Von Jucken, to be the
guests of the City, during the time the fleet should remain in our
harbor, and these invitations were accepted. Major Wilder of the
Light Dragoons, Col. Hedges of the Roxbury Horse Guards, General Cor-
din commanding the Ancient and Honorable Artillery, formally
tendered their services for escort duty, and the other Military A.S.

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ciations of the City intimated a readiness to turn out, if the services were desired. The Prorietor of Battery Wharf tendered the use of the wharf and slips, for the accommodation of the Russians, and other measures were in progress, which need not now be specified. It soon became apparent that the commendable hospitality of New York would occupy so much time, that the weather would probably become unsuitable for a visit of the Squadron to our waters during the Autumn and Aid. Hence the Mayor availed himself of an interview with the Admiral, in New York to ascertain that he was inclined to pass the winter in some of our southern ports, and come here after the spring opens. The Committee therefore recommend a reference of the subject to the next City Government. John L. Tyler, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 31. Came up concurred

Upon nomination by the Board of Land Commissioners Alderman Silas Peirce and Councilman Lucius A. Butler were appointed and confirmed as members of said Board for two years next ensuing. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 31. Came up concurred. Land Commissioners

Ordered: That the sum of two hundred dollars be paid to James M. Bugbee, Mayor's Clerk, for extra services during the year 1863. and that said amount be charged to the appropriation for Salaries. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec 31. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 1. 1864. Mayor's Clerk

The Joint Special Committee appointed to consider whether the Salaries of the City Officers should be raised, to whom was referred the subject of the pay of the Police Lieutenant's Police

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Committee of Police, have considered the same, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order. For the Committee, Saml R. Spinney, Chairman. Ordered: That the salaries of the Lieutenants of Police be raised to two dollars and seventy five cents per day, to date from July 1. 1863. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 29. 1863.

Police

Captains.

Ordered: That the salaries of the Captains of Police be raised to three dollars and twenty five cent per day to date from July 1. 1863. Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 31. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 1. 1864.

Reformation

House of
abuses at

The report of the Committee on Institutions referring to the next City Council the subject of alleged abuses at the House of Reformation was referred in Common Council to Messrs Bradley, Adams and Wadsworth with such as the Board of Aldermen may join to investigate and report to the next meeting of the Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and this Board non-concurred therein but insisted on its previous vote accepting said report. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 31. Came up concurred.

Harbor

Headlands

The Committee on the Harbor, in closing their labors for the year, deem it their duty to call the attention of the City Government to the important subject of preserving the natural defences of the Harbor against the gradual but incessant operation of the Sea. There is scarcely a Headland, or Island within or about the harbor, which does not imperatively demand protection by artificial means. The abrasion constantly going on, tends to fill up the interior harbor needlessly, but, a more

serious result will be the ultimate destruction of the barriers a- 761
gainst the sea, which are necessary to render our port a se- Dec. 28. 1863
cure harbor. That the duty of affording the needed pecuniary aid,
belongs to the National Government is undeniable, and the Com-
mittee noticed with pleasure the introduction into one of the Ap-
propriation Bills of the last session, an item of fifty thousand
dollars for the Great Brewster, procured by the efforts of the Hon. Mr.
Rice. That the measure was defeated in the Senate may have
been owing to the want of information on the part of the Senators
from this Commonwealth. Even in time of War we should not for-
get that "time and tide wait for no man." Every year that this mat-
ter is postponed, will add to the ultimate expense far more than any
rate of interest paid by the government. Prudence, therefore, dictates
early action, and the Committee recommend the adoption of the
following order. John S. Tyler, Chairman. Ordered: That His Honor
the Mayor be requested to transmit copies of this Report with such
additional remarks on the subject as he may deem necessary,
to the Representatives in Congress and the Senators from Massachu-
setts, and that His Honor be requested to bring the subject to the
attention of the Legislature of this Commonwealth. Read, accepted
and ordered to be printed. Sent down for concurrence December 31.
Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 1. 1864.

Ordered: That the sum of five hun- Columbian
dred dollars be appropriated to the Association.
dred dollars to the Montgomery Association, and also five hundred
dollars more to the Emmet Guards; all of the foregoing being indepen- Montgomery
dent Military Organizations and now in existence in the City of Association.
Boston the same to be charged to War Expenses. Referred in Com- Emmet Guards

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The Council to the Committee on Military Organizations came up for concurrence read and non concurred, but this Board voted to refer the same to His Honor the Mayor. Sent down for concurrence December 31. Came up concurred.

Gelystburg
City Dec. 106

The Joint Special Committee appointed on the 28th of July to proceed to Gellystburg, Pennsylvania, to procure suitable lot in the cemetery at that place, to cause the remains of those soldiers from this City not otherwise disposed of by their friends to be deposited therein, and a suitable monument to be erected over the same, in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor, have attended to that duty, and respectfully present their Report. Immediately after their appointment, the Committee proceeded to obtain such information as they could command relative to the especial work contemplated in the order of the City Council. The frequent arrival of persons just from the battle fields of the 1st 2^d and 3^d of July, at Gellystburg, together with the interesting recitals of the battles through the medium of the newspapers, had the effect very naturally at that time to keep the public mind in a very sensitive condition, and no little interest was manifested by the people generally in this matter. Among those who had visited the battle-fields, from whom the Committee obtained valuable information, were His Honor Mayor Fay of Chelsea, and Mr. George Stevens, of this City. After obtaining this and such other information as we could it was decided that two members of the Committee, the Chairman and Mr. Cumston, together with Mr. Franklin Smith, of this City, should proceed to Gellystburg without further delay, and upon their arrival there report to His Honor the Mayor what course it was most

advisable to pursue. Before starting, however, the chairman, by 763
direction of the Committee, consulted with his Excellency the Gov. Sec. 28. 1863
ernor, stating to him the object for which the Committee had been
appointed, and the plan adopted as a beginning. His Excellency
fully approved of the course proposed, and said that although
no appropriation for like purposes was at his command, still
if the work proposed was found by the Committee to be practica-
ble, he would cheerfully co-operate with us on the part of the State,
and render such assistance as might be required. He at
the same time assured us that in their action the City Coun-
cil did not in any manner conflict with the State authorities.
Being provided, by the kindness of Adjutant General Schauer, with
letters of introduction to Robert A. Carson, Esq., while Agent at Phil-
adelphia, the sub-committee started from Boston on the 31st of July
and proceeded directly to that City, where they had an interview
with Mr. Carson, who gave them valuable information. He was in
possession of important facts relative more especially to the wound-
ed, their comparative numbers, and the disposition made of
them. Several hundred, and perhaps thousands, of the slightly
wounded had then been removed to Philadelphia hospitals, and
many to Baltimore and other places. Mr. Carson very kindly
accompanied the sub-committee to some of the hospitals; but few
Massachusetts soldiers were found in them, none of whom were seri-
ously wounded. The sub-committee proceeded to Gettysburg with as little
delay as possible, and on their arrival found that two of the ho-
tels were in possession of the military authorities, and the only
remaining one was crowded. Fortunately, not only for their physi-
cal comfort, but for the convenience and success of their efforts to
accomplish their mission, they found entertainment at the house

7th of Mr. Solomon Bouris, formerly of New Hampshire, but for many
Dec 28. 1863 years a citizen of the place. It is proper here to remark that from
the very commencement of the battle, on the afternoon of the 1st
of July, this gentleman's house had been a hospital for wounded
Union soldiers until the day of our arrival. More than twenty had
been provided for (four of whom died), and all without charge
to relative or friend. Owing to the heat of the season, the improper
manner in which removals had been made, together with the
fact that nearly all the public buildings and private dwellings
were more or less occupied by sick and wounded soldiers, and
for various other reasons, it had become necessary for the milita-
ry commander to issue an order prohibiting any removals of
the dead until after the first of October. The sub-committee call-
ed upon the military commander, and found that the order was
imperative, and that the universal voice of the people was in
favor of its strict observance. The judgement of the sub-commit-
tee was in favor of the measure, especially as it did not prac-
tically interfere with their duties. A general hospital was then
being established, to which all the wounded soldiers in the town
and at the corps hospitals, were being removed. The sub-com-
mittee visited all the hospitals, and endeavored as far as possible
to ascertain the name and condition of every Massachusetts
soldier there. In prosecuting the work before them the sub-commit-
tee found it necessary to make a personal inspection of every
part of the field, and finding that Mr. Bouris, before referred to,
a mechanic, and a truly patriotic man, had been employed to
some extent in the removal of the dead, and was thoroughly con-
versant with the geography of the battle-field, they deemed him
a most proper person to act as their guide, and render such other

assistance as they required. Upon visiting some parts of the 765
battle-field and hospital burying-grounds, they found that as a Dec. 28. 1863
general thing the bodies of rebel soldiers were buried in trenches,
in numbers varying from five to one hundred. Union soldiers,
on the contrary, were invariably buried in separate graves, with
that care which, under the circumstances, surviving comrades
alone know how to bestow. Of the New York and Pennsylvania
soldiers very many had already been removed, and some
Massachusetts soldiers had been removed. Though some graves
were marked very well indeed, the sub-committee still found
it necessary to mark most of them more permanently, in order
that they might be identified after the 1st of October. They procur-
ed suitable head-boards and means of marking, and laborers
to assist in the search for the graves of Massachusetts men,
and proceeded personally upon this branch of their work. The
effluvia arising from the decay of hundreds of unburied bodies,
together with the impure state of the air incident to the time
and place, rendered the labor peculiarly unpleasant. They con-
tinued this work for some days, and then left the further search
to be continued on their behalf by Mr. Powers, who they believe
has been very diligent and faithful therein. Having secured more
permanent marks at the graves of our soldiers, their next business
was to provide some place for the re-interment of the bodies when
the proper time should arrive. And in this whole matter they found
that they could not act separately and alone for the City
of Boston, but that whatever was done must be in common
with and for every town and city in the State. A local ceme-
tery of about twenty acres was already in existence near the
town, and had apparently been properly taken care of previous

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to the battle, in fact it appeared to have received much better
care than places of like character ordinarily do. This cemetery
had been badly defaced and partially destroyed in the course
of the battle. This and the adjacent grounds are very peculiar
in their location, commanding as they do nearly a complete
view of the entire battle ground, and to them also is attached
a peculiar interest, inasmuch as they formed a part of the bat-
tlefield itself being held by the 1st and 11th army corps, with great
fidelity and bravery. The sub-committee learned that the pro-
ject of a National Cemetery had been talked of, and that adja-
cent lands had been purchased with this or some other object
in view. It was then little more than a matter of conversation,
however, and no plans were presented in such a definite form
as to warrant the sub-committee in withdrawing from their prop-
osition for executing the object for executing the object for which
they were appointed. Therefore before leaving the place they se-
cured the privilege of a burying lot for the Massachusetts sol-
diers on the very spot that has since been consecrated for that pur-
pose, intending however, at the same time, to recommend Massa-
chusetts to join in the National Cemetery in case the project suc-
ceeded. On the return of the sub-committee they reported our opin-
ion of the expediency and entire practicability of a National Ceme-
tery to his Excellency the Governor, who thereupon appointed Dr. Le-
Baron Russell, as an Agent of the State, to act with this Committee
upon the matter. In the course of a few weeks the Committee was
informed that the Governor of Pennsylvania had appointed David
Wells, Esq. of Gettysburg, to act as his agent, with a view of purchas-
ing, preparing, and maintaining a National Cemetery. We then
relinquished our right to purchase land separately, and since

then have acted, in co-operation with the State agent, in harmony ; 67
with the other States. The scheme presented by Mr. Mills comprised Dec. 25. 1863
these features:— the purchase of ten or twelve acres of land, to be
devoted to the cemetery; the exhumation and removal thence of
all the bodies of Union soldiers not removed to other places (the
government providing coffins); the erection of a general monu-
ment, the laying out and fencing the grounds, and the erection
of a suitable building for the occupancy of the superintendent;
all of which were to be done upon the common account of all
the States, the expense to be shared by apportionment. Moreover,
the State of Pennsylvania was to provide for the care of the ceme-
tery, the title remaining in that State. The land was purchased,
and the services of Mr. William Saunders, naval architect of the
government, were secured for the survey and laying out of
the grounds. The plan submitted by him, and since carried in-
to execution under the superintendence of Mr. Townsend, his
assistant, has met universal approval. It should here be stated,
however, that before this plan was settled upon, a number of differ-
ent schemes were suggested, and especially one which was strongly
urged by Mr. Mills. who several times informed the Committee that
he was supported therein by the governors of several of the
States viz. that the burials should not be by States, but promiscu-
ously. Correspondence on this subject was carried on for several
weeks, the Committee persistently and strenuously advocating
separate State lots and they finally had the satisfaction of learn-
ing that the grounds would be laid out according to their ideas of
propriety. The preparation of the grounds was not completed, and
the coffins supplied by the government were not furnished, until
about the 25th of October. A contract had been made by Mr. Mills

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Dec. 28. 1863 for removing and reburying all the bodies of Union soldiers, it
being at the option of the States, however, whether they would
avail themselves of this contract, or do their own work in their
own way. The Committee were aware that as to the manner of doing
the work, Mr. Mills had manifested a desire that it should be done
carefully, thoroughly, and at the same time as economically
as possible, and had received, with kindness, and acted upon,
suggestions from this Committee and other interested parties.
They felt, however, that they would not be fulfilling their duty un-
less they could personally know and report that the work, so far
as it concerned Massachusetts was done as it should be; and
they accordingly delegated the Chairman, Alderman Genie, and Mr.
Bradlee, to proceed to Gettysburg at once upon this business. They
reached that place on the first of November and found the
work under the contract fairly commenced. This contract had
been taken at such a moderate price as to require, on the part
of the contractor, the greatest economy of time, and consequently
the strictest regularity in taking up the bodies according to their
location, and not by States. This fact, taken in connection with
the great extent of territory to be traversed, over twenty-five square
miles, and the lateness of the season, convinced the Com-
mittee that the work of taking up and reburying the Massachu-
setts dead could not be completed under the contract before frost
would set in; and, at the risk of incurring some additional
expense, they employed Mr. Powers to do it. The result was, that in
two weeks, and before the Cemetery was dedicated, the Massachu-
setts work was so far completed that the only additional bodies
to be exhumed were one or two buried at Chambersburg, which
have since been taken up and placed in the Cemetery. And the

Committee do not wish to be understood as intimating that the
general contract has thus far not been well and faithfully exe-
cuted, when they say that the work on the Mass. burying lot Dec. 25. 1863
is somewhat more substantial than that upon any other. The
benches in which the coffins are placed are three feet deep, two
feet in width being allowed to each coffin, and at the head a
stone wall, eighteen inches thick, is laid from the bottom to within
six inches of the surface of the ground, making a solid founda-
tion for the granite curb stone to be laid continuously at the head
of each bench, upon which are to be lettered the names of the buried.

In regard to the fencing of the Cemetery, the monument, and the
future care of the grounds, we believe the arrangements first pro-
posed by Mr. Mills were assented to in general terms by all the States.
A meeting of the agents of the State has been lately held, however,
at which some material modifications of the original scheme
were broached, but as with the completion of the burials our du-
ties practically cease, and the matter is in the hands of the agent
of Massachusetts, we do not feel called upon to express any opinion
as to the proposed changes. It should be here stated that his Excel-
lency the Governor relieved Ex. Russell, at his own request, from
his duties as agent, and appointed in his stead Mr. Henry Ed-
wards, who has co-operated with this Committee, and it is presum-
ed attended the meeting of agents referred to. During the prepara-
tion of the grounds Mr. Mills, in behalf of the State, invited Hon. Ed-
ward Everett to deliver an oration at the consecration of the Cem-
etery. This invitation was accepted, and the grounds were con-
secrated on the 19th of November, at which time and place Steer-
man Standish, and Messrs. Coolidge and Ordway, of the Committee,
together with other members of the City Council, were present. The

770 fact that the President of the United States was expected to be
Dec. 28 1863 present, together with members of his Cabinet, and the Governors
and other distinguished citizens of many of the loyal States,
and high military officers, in addition to the intrinsic interest
of the occasion, drew a large multitude of persons together. The
ceremonies were of an imposing character, and have been well
and fully described in the public prints. In conformity with an or-
der of the City Council, we present with this report a copy of Hon-
Mr. Everett's oration upon that occasion, which has been very gen-
erously granted by him for the use of members of the City Govern-
ment only. In another place the Committee offer a sketch contain-
ing some comments on the relation of the battle field to the Cemetery,
at the close of which the other ceremonies at the consecration are
alluded to. The Committee present a list of the Soldiers buried in
the National Cemetery, which is complete, according to their informa-
tion at this time. By consulting the plan of the Cemetery appended here-
to, persons interested can identify the location of the graves of friends,
the numbers upon the trenches as seen upon the plan corresponding
with the numbers on the list. In conclusion, the Committee would state
that the amount of expenses already incurred by them is about two
thousand dollars. It is expected that the State will refund a large
portion of this, and will assume all expenses accruing in the fu-
ture. No statement has been received of the expenditures on general
account, and it is probable that a year or more may elapse before
the monument and fence are erected, and the grounds are put
in complete order. All of which is respectfully submitted. Hiram A.
Stevens, L. Miles Standish, Tyrannus S. Linn, William Cumston, John
J. Mueller, John P. Ordway, David M. Coolidge, A. J. Bean. Read & ac-
cepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 31 came up & concurred.

The Committee on the Harbor

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who were requested to report upon the expediency of purchasing the Winthrop Beaches to aid in preserving them for the protection of the Harbor, report a reference of the subject to the next City Government. For the Committee, John I. Tyler, Chairman. Read and accepted. Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 31. Came up concurred.

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Winthrop
Beaches

Ordered: That the Committee

on Public Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to sell at public auction ^A the School House and lot in Spring Street Place, the same being no longer needed for School purposes; the proceeds to be paid into the City Treasury. Ordered: That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they hereby are authorized to sell at public auction ^A the Hook and Ladder House and lot, corner of Harrison Avenue and Brookline Street, the same being no longer required for the purposes of the Fire Department; the proceeds to be paid into the City Treasury. Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred with this amendment at ^A insert 'or otherwise.' Sent down for concurrence. Dec. 31. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 1. 1864.

Spring Street
Place
School House

Hook & Ladder
House

The Committee on the Harbor.

to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Benjamin Wheeler, for a license to take sand and ballast from their beaches in Winthrop, now Report, That these petitioners presented the same request in July last, that the matter was referred to this Committee, that a meeting was holden on the premises, and a report made to the City Council (City Document, No. 79). That it will appear from said report that the Committee were in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, provided the inhabitants of the town of Win-

Wheeler
heirs

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Dec. 28/1863 They did not object. It now appears that the petitioners have not obtained the assent of the inhabitants of Winthrop; but, nevertheless, they renew their request for a license. A communication was addressed by the Chairman of the Committee to the Chairman of the Selectmen of Winthrop, on the apprising him of the renewal of the request of the petitioners for a license, and stating distinctly that the Committee had ascertained that no damage to the harbor would result from granting the petition; but that they were not satisfied that injury to marsh land in Winthrop might not result. To this the Selectmen have replied that they are and have been satisfied that by taking of sand, gravel, &c., from the beaches of Benjamin Thayer's heirs, or any of the beaches on that line of sea-bound would be injurious to the marsh land adjacent. The Committee likewise informed the Selectmen that they had ascertained that other parties have been in the habit of removing material from the beaches without license from the City. To this the Selectmen reply, stating that the fact was brought to the notice of the Chairman of the Committee on the Harbor by their chairman, and a promise made that the Harbor Police would attend to the matter. They add that this infringement of the law has been brought to the notice of the Harbor Police a number of times. It results from this correspondence, - 1. That the Selectmen of Winthrop believe that injury to their marshes may result from taking sand, gravel, &c., from the beaches of the petitioners; but, they do ask the City Government to refuse a license for that reason. 2. That they suppose the Harbor Police of Boston is bound to make complaints of the breach of the law, by any of the inhabitants of Winthrop, because the Mayor and Aldermen of Boston have the right to grant licenses. The Harbor Master has been asked by the chairman to take notice of any violation of

the law whereby the harbor is liable to be injured, but he has not 773
been instructed to watch over the marsh lands of Winthrop. The good Dec. 28. 1863
people of that town can make complaints before competent magistrates, and any constable may serve a warrant. No promise
was made by the chairman of this committee that the Harbor
Police of the City should become informers against any of the
inhabitants of Winthrop, unless they committed prejudicial to the
safety of the harbor. The committee desire to pay all the atten-
tion to the rights of the town of Winthrop which comity or courtesy
require; but they are not disposed to disregard wholly the rights of
individuals, in deference to the more expression of opinion on the
part of the Selectmen of that town. The act of the Legislature, passed
ostensibly for the sole purpose of protecting Boston harbor, clothes the
Mayor and Aldermen of Boston with a power to grant licenses. This
power they are asked to exercise in favor of some of their own cit-
izens who own lands in Winthrop which are taxed there for the bene-
fit of that town. The Mayor and Aldermen ascertain, through the
appropriate committee, that no damage to the harbor is likely to
result from granting the petition, and consequently the commit-
tee intimate an intention to grant the license, with the assent of
the inhabitants of the town of Winthrop. This assent is not granted
nor denied in express terms, but the petitioners are told that the Select-
men of Winthrop think the City of Boston is throwing a responsibility
on them which they may properly decline to assume. The com-
mittee are of opinion that this charge is wholly unwarranted by
the facts. The Mayor and Aldermen of Boston cannot properly
refuse to grant the license asked for by the Wharves here on the
ground that it will injure the harbor of Boston, because the facts
are otherwise. The only ground for refusal of the license must be,

774 that under it damage may happen to marsh lands in Wintthrop.
See 28. 1863 Assuming that such damage may result from granting the li-
cense, the Committee is still in doubt whether the Mayor and
Aldermen can refuse to grant it unless the harbor is likely to be
injured by taking away gravel, sand, &c, from the beaches of the
petitioners. The Committee submit herewith a communication
from Mr. Decker on the subject of the beaches in question. The
Wharves beaches are those lying northeast of Wintthrop Head. The Com-
mittee therefore, recommend the adoption of the following order. John
Tyler, Chairman. Ordered: That a license be granted to the
heirs of Benjamin Wharves to take sand, gravel, and other sub-
stances from their beaches in the town of Wintthrop, unless the Select-
men of that town shall, within thirty days, show to the Board of Al-
dermen satisfactory reasons why such license should be refused.
Laid on the table and ordered to be printed. (See City Document 107)

New England
Female Medical
College

The Board of Land Commis-
sioners to whom was referred the petition of the New England
Female Medical College for the sale of land to them upon South
Bay, also the petition of G. Howland Shaw and twenty five others
in aid of the same, having duly considered the subject would
respectfully submit the following Report. That the petitioners were
granted a hearing and the Board informed that the lot select-
ed by them for the erection of a college and hospital is bounded
by Harrison Avenue, Concord and Houghton Streets and containing
fifty thousand square feet, and offering ten thousand dollars for
the same. The Board believe the real value of said land to be
fifty thousand dollars, and will readily sell for that amount
when the New City Hospital with its lands are completed, for the erect-

ion of dwelling houses the amount of taxable property placed thereon 775
would be equal to the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand Dec. 28. 1863
dollars, but if sold to the petitioners it would be free from taxation, and
the City virtually be making to the Female Medical College a donation
equal to forty thousand dollars, besides a loss to the City of the above
amount in taxable property, annually. The Board are unanimous-
ly in the opinion that the Institution is a good one, and is calcula-
ted to become of much benefit to the community. Yet they do not believe
it was intended that they should act as a Board of Charity and thus
dispose of the Public Lands placed in their charge at a nominal
sum. Entertaining these views they have considered it best to make
a plain statement of facts to the City Council and leave the subject
with them to take such action as they in their judgement may deem
for the best interest of the City, and at the same time would recom-
mend the Institution to their favorable consideration. For the Commissioners,
Silas Peirce, Chairman. Read and laid on the table.

The Committee on the Assessors' Department on the part of this Board to whom was referred the pe-
tition of Stephen G. Gileis for an abatement of the taxes of the New-
England Car-Spring Company, have considered the same, and re-
spectfully recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. For
the Committee, H. A. Stevens, Chairman. Read and accepted.

The Committee on the Assessors' Department on the part of this Board, to whom was referred the
petition of Moses Clark for abatement of taxes, have considered the
same, and respectfully recommend that the petitioner have leave
to withdraw. For the Committee, H. A. Stevens, Chairman. Read & accepted.

Dec. 22. 1863
Back Bay
drainage

On motion of Alderman Peirce the Board took up the subject of the drainage of the Back Bay, and the question being on the passage of Alderman Amory's amendments to the orders as amended Nov. 30, they were rejected by the Board, and thereupon Alderman Norcross moved to refer the whole subject to the next City Council, which motion was carried as follows. Resolved, that the City Council of 1863 are strongly in favor of the plan of drainage of the Back Bay suggested in City Document No. 81, and do refer the subject to the next City Council with the hope that this important subject may receive their early attention. The Yeas & Nays being demanded on said motion were taken as follows Yeas Aldermen Clark and Norcross, 2. Nays, Aldermen Jenie, Henshaw, Marsh, Paul, Peirce, Spinney, Standish, Stevens, Tyler, &c. So said motion to refer did not prevail. The question then recurring on the passage of the orders reported by the Committee, Alderman Norcross moved to amend the first order by adding at the end thereof the following, also that the Committee obtain from the Water Power Company and Commonwealth the agreement to insert in the deeds of any lands hereafter sold by either of them upon the Back Bay Territory a condition that no cellar shall be dug below grade 12 and that the City have power to enter upon and fill any cellar dug below that grade and the expense shall be a lien upon the estate: which motion prevailed. Alderman Norcross then moved to strike out from the first and second orders the words "with full powers" and to add at the close of each of said orders the following and that the said Committee be instructed to report the new agreement for approval by the City Council before signature: which motion prevailed. Alderman Standish then moved to amend the first order by inserting at D. or as near that point as is needful for domest-

ic purposes which motion prevailed. Alderman Scriver then moved 777
 to amend the second order by inserting at its end that the said Dec. 23. 1863
 Committee endeavor to incorporate in the agreement an arrange-
 ment for grading the streets and raising the houses upon what is
 termed 'the Church Street territory' which motion prevailed. As thus
 amended the first and second orders were passed by the Board
 and the third order was entirely stricken out, and Alderman Peice,
 Marsh and Handish were appointed on said Committee on the
 part of this Board. Sent down for concurrence. January 2^d came up
 concurred but no Committee was joined thus rendering action on
 this subject incomplete.

The Superintendent of Streets Sidewalk

having reported to the Board schedules of assessments for the con- assessments
 struction of sidewalks in the following streets where the owners and
 abutters have neglected to lay such sidewalks after due notice it
 was ordered, that said assessments be collected pursuant to law-
 viz: Bedford, Tyler, Worcester Square, Federal & Central Streets 1000.00
 Springfield Street 507.88
 India, Bath, Salutation, Court, Lower Summer & Ridgway Lane 315.98
 Second and Dorchester Streets 1654.54
 Border, Cornhill, Foster, Commercial and Milk Streets 2273.00
 Third, Harrison, Avenue, Chestnut and Purchase 1098.47

The Superintendent of Streets Eighth Street

ing reported to the Board schedules of assessments for construction of Fences
 fences along Eighth Street, where parties who were notified requested
 to construct them, it was ordered that said amount be collected ac-
 cording to law, viz: 198.77.

Dec 28 1863 Jones that Rockline Street may be graded between Chaumont Avenue and Fremont Street, the Committee on Paving reported a reference of the subject to the next Board of Aldermen. Read and accepted.

Gibson

On petition of Charles L. Gibson and others that the numbers on Chester Park and Chester Square may be re-arranged, the Committee on Paving reported that it is inexpedient to take action thereon at present. Read and accepted.

Inclosure

Agreeably to the report of the Committee on Licenses the following persons were re-appointed Auctioneers in this City viz: William Cook 76 Commercial Street. William H. Merriam No 52 Milk Street. Joseph L. Penshaw 5 Merchants Exchange. Sprague and Tappan 11 Central Street. Edinburgh and Scotland East, corner of South. Dudley A. Bayley 91 Federal Street. William C. Otis 63 Court Street. David S. M. Gilray No 53-55 Fremont Street. Wallace B. Mitchell 11, 12 Federal Street. A. L. Bellamore No 5 Fremont Row. Henry A. Fitch 5 Tollays Building. George W. Beckford No 34, 40 Court Street.

Second hand
articles

Michael Allen, Dorchester Avenue, and Sarah Hickson 428 Hanover Street, were licensed as Dealers in Second Hand Articles.

Adjourned to Friday next at four o'clock, P.M.

At a meeting of the Board
of Aldermen of the City of Boston held at Mechanics Hall on
Friday the first day of January Anno Domini 1864.

Present

The Mayor and all the Aldermen except the Chairman and
Alderman Starnes

On motion of Alderman Tyler
the Board took from the table the report upon the petition of the heirs of
Benjamin Hackett that the City would grant them a license to take
sand, gravel &c from their Beaches at Winthrop, see City Doc. No 107
and the order appended thereto, as recorded page 177, granting
leave to the said heirs to take sand, gravel &c from their beaches in
Winthrop under the sanction of said town shall stand there
within sixty days, was passed.

Ordered: That the following
bills for services rendered, or materials furnished, by person con-
nected, directly or indirectly, with the City Government, be paid,
provided they are approved and allowed in the usual manner,
viz: Nathanial Adams five hundred and fifty seven dollars and
nine cents. Penner and Southward four hundred and fourteen dol-
lars and seventy five cents; ninety two dollars and fifty cents;
two dollars and fifty cents. Buckley and Bancroft two thousand
seven hundred and sixty dollars and ninety five cents. L. C.
Bird two dollars and seventy cents; one hundred and thirteen
dollars and twenty one cents. Sumner twenty five hundred & twenty
seven dollars and eight cents; fifty five dollars and fifteen cents;
twenty four dollars and sixty five cents. Lucius A. Cutler four hundred
and fifty dollars. Hester Clark, ninety three dollars & fifty cents
G. Chamberlain fifteen dollars. William Carpenter two hundred dollars.

780 one hundred and ninety five dollar Litten & Ingersoll four
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dollar and forty one cent. Senio & Webb eight hundred & forty
five dollar and eighty five cents, sixty two dollar and fifty cents,
ninety five dollar and ninety five cents. J. L. Sammit, one hundred
and seventy one dollar and thirty seven cents, seven hundred and
sixty four dollar and twelve cents. Gallagher & Co two hundred and
eighty five dollar and seventeen cents, fifty four dollar and four
cents, twenty eight dollar and sixty eight cents, fifteen dollar &
ninety five cents, eighteen dollar and ninety two cents, twenty two
dollar and twenty five cents, thirty four dollar and ninety nine
cents, fifty dollar Fisher and Allen ninety seven dollar and fifty
cents. Melbrook and Harlow seventy five dollar, three hundred and
eighty four dollar and nineteen cents, twelve dollar and ninety three
cents, eight dollar and eighty five cents, eight dollar and fourteen
cents, five dollar and twenty one cents. Granite Mass fourteen dol-
lar and forty cents. N. W. Hall, six hundred and sixty seven dollar
and thirty three cents. J. L. Paul thirty seven dollar and ninety six
cents. George W. Sprague twenty seven dollar and twenty three cents,
eighty seven dollar and fifty cents, ten dollar and twenty five cents.
Hamden and Woodbury fifteen dollar and seventeen cents. J. M.
Wightman ninety dollar Passed in Common Council. Came up for
concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor Janu-
ary 2. 1864.

Ordinances

Linger.

Locke

The Committee on Ordinances beg
have respectfully to represent that the Volume of Ordinances is now
completed and it is proper that the persons employed in the revision
should receive compensation for the work done up to this time,
and they therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying

order. For the Committee, Thomas C. May, Chairman. Ordered: 781

That there be paid to George Fenger and John G. Locke the persons appointed by the Committee on Ordinances to prepare the Revision of the Ordinances, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, and that the same be charged to the appropriation for incidental expenses and Miscellaneous Claims. Read in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 2. 1864.

Ordered: That the City Messenger procure the suitable binding of the City Documents for the year 1863 one for each member of the City Council. Read in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 2. 1864.

The Committee on Paving to Frost Centre Street
whom were referred the petition of Oliver Frost and others and J. G. Hamblin and others that Centre Street may be accepted and graded, would respectfully report the accompanying order. For the Committee L. Miles Handish, Chairman. Ordered: That Centre Street, East Boston, be accepted and dedicated as a public highway upon a fee of the said street being given to the City of Boston. Ordered: That the Superintendent of Streets after the fee of said Centre Street has been decided to the City, be authorized to grade said Centre Street upon a relinquishment of grade damages being given the City from the abutters thereon except Mrs. Locke, the City to do the necessary work on her dwelling house caused by the grading of said Centre Street. Read twice and passed. This order was not signed by the Mayor at the expiration of the Municipal Year.

The Committee on Paving to Suffolk
whom were referred the petitions of L. A. Blaney and others and

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P. H. Crane and others that the Suffolk Railroad Company may
 be compelled to run their cars on Webster Street, East Boston, and
 the communication of Hymanus Lett and others in relation to
 the same, would respectfully report that the petitioners and the
 President of the Suffolk Railroad Company were heard at length
 before the Committee. According to a location granted to the Suffolk
 Railroad Company September 2^d 1863 said Company were authoriz-
 ed to lay down a single track in Webster Street from their present
 track in Webster Street near Orleans Street and connect their track
 in Lewis Street and to connect with and enter upon and use with
 their horses and cars the track of the East Boston Street Company's
 Railroad with consent of the owners thereof and the same order of lo-
 cation provides that the location to the said Suffolk Railroad Company
 is discontinued in Summer Street from Maverick Square to Orleans
 Street and in Orleans Street from Summer to Webster Street and that
 said Company shall at their own expense take up the tracks near
 said therein after the completion of the tracks under said location.
 The Suffolk Railroad Company represented when the rails were tak-
 en up in Orleans and Summer Streets that new connections would
 be made in Maverick Square and Webster Street. Those in Maver-
 ick Square were made but those in Webster Street were not, and
 have not as yet been made. The communication of the President
 of the Suffolk Railroad Company accompanying this report ex-
 plains the matter in behalf of said Company. Your Committee are
 unanimously of the opinion that the Suffolk Railroad Company
 are in good faith bound to connect the Webster Street track with one
 down in Lewis Street and run cars thereon as provided in the
 location granted to said Company Sep. 2. 1863 and accepted by
 them Sep. 3^d 1863. The President of the Company states in his commu-

nicalion and also represented to the Committee that the present
 arrangement of running an omnibus is only a temporary one. 78
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 The Committee therefore recommend that no action be taken on the
 subject at the present time but that it be deferred to see what
 steps will be taken by the Suffolk Railroad Company in the spring
 of 1864 when the weather will allow of that work being done.
 For the Committee, L. Will Standish, Chairman. Read & accepted

The Joint Standing Committee City

on the reduction of the City Debt for the year 1863, respectfully
 report to the City Council that the following statement, made up
 from the books of the Treasurer and Auditor, show the indebtedness
 of the City at the close of business on the 31st instant.

Debt.

Taking up the subject at the commencement of the
 present financial year, (on the first of November,) we
 find that the consolidated funded Debt on that day,

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as will be seen by the Auditor's Report, No. 51, page 251 was \$10,335,857.77
 which was accordingly divided as follows:—

City Debt	\$ 7,343,146.66	
Water Debt	<u>2,992,711.11</u>	\$ 10,335,857.77

Since that time loans have been negotiated, on
 various orders of the City Council, to the amount of

Making	<u>28000.00</u>
	\$ 10,363,857.77

Deducting from this amount all the debts which

have become due in this financial year, and which

have been paid at maturity, in specie or its equivalent, \$170,120.00

We have left at this time a funded debt of \$10,193,737.77

To which is to be added for loans already authorized,

but not yet negotiated 1,655,000.00

784. Making a total of funded and unfunded debt at
January 1 1864 the time of

\$ 11,218,732.77

This Debt the Auditor classifies as follows:-

City Debt proper, including \$300,000 for the
New City Hall; \$ 250,000 for the new Free City
Hospital; \$353,000 for Dover and Belmont
Streets damages \$3,134,035.80

Water Debt, being for the net cost of the
Water Works up to the thirtieth of April
last the close of the last financial year,
as per Report, No. 51, page 259 6,155,846.97

War Debt, being loans authorized ex-
clusively on account of the War 1,958,850.00

\$ 11,218,732.77

The total Debt at this time, as stated above, is \$ 11,218,732.77

The same last year was 10,589,907.77

Increase in 1863 \$ 628,825.00

Much increase is accounted for as follows:-

War Debt, Dec. 24, 1863, \$ 1,958,850.00

Dec. 24, 1862, 1,175,000.00

Increase of War Debt, in 1863. \$ 783,850.00

Water Debt, amount, 1862, \$6,228,787.14

1863. 6,155,846.97

Decrease of Water Debt 72,940.17

\$ 710,909.83

City Debt, proper, amount 1862, \$3,186,120.63

City Debt, proper, amount, 1863, 3,134,035.80

Decrease of City Debt 52,084.83

Net Increase as above \$ 628,825.00

Means of paying off the Debt.

783.

It appears by the books of the Treasurer and Auditor, that the means of paying off the debt of the City consist of the following items, all of which are, by ordinance, specifically appropriated to that object.

viz: Cash Balance in the Treasury on the first day of May last, to the credit of the Committee on the Reduction of the City Debt, as stated in Auditor's Report, 1st page 25; 987,016.94
Cash received since that time, being payments made at the Treasury on Bonds and Mortgages then on hand 32,156.91
Cash received from Sales of Public Lands, not included in the above item 7,085.80

Cash from the Annual City Tax for 1863, being the amount appropriated for this object in conformity with the ninth section of the Ordinance on Finance 300,000.00
1,216,153.75

Deduct - payments made on the City Debt since 1st May last, as stated on page 4. 170,125.00

Leaves Cash means now on hand 1,046,028.75

Add - Bonds and Mortgages now on hand, all of which are considered good 261,049.52

1,307,078.27

The Consolidated Debt of the City, funded and unfunded, this day amounts to \$ 11,248,732.77

Means on hand of paying the same, 1,307,078.27

Net Debt, 1863 \$ 9,941,654.50

The Consolidated Debt on the 24th December,

1862, was \$ 10,589,907.77

Means then on hand 1,028,027.18

Net Debt 1862. \$ 9,561,880.59

786. Net Increase in 1863.

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379,773.91
\$ 9441.654.51

Increase of Gross Debt in 1863, \$658,825.00

Increase of means in 1863 279,051.09

Net increase, as above \$ 379,773.91

E. H. Lincoln & Mayor George S. Hale, Pres. of the Common Council. Henry A. Lusk, Chairman of the Committee on Finance on the part of the Common Council. In Common Council. Accepted and ordered to be printed. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred.

East Boston
Ferries

Ordered: That the whole subject of the East Boston Ferries be referred to the next City Council. Read in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read and concurred. Approved by the Mayor, January 2. 1864.

Streets

The Committee on laying out and widening Streets submit the following report of their proceedings during the present municipal year. Since January 1863, widenings have been made on the Streets named as follows:

Washington Street at a cost of	\$ 1800.00
Lenox " " " "	2194.80
Dorchester " " " "	1400.00
Second " " " "	1000.00
Southway " " " "	2700.00
Messinger " " " "	
Chestnut " " " "	
Harrison Avenue	300.00
	<u>\$ 10,388.55</u>

In all the above cases, the claims have been adjusted and settled.

Those which follow have not been settled for.

Union Park Street (formerly Baker St.) estimated cost 720.80 January 1. 1864.
Superintendent estimated about 250.00
West 1155.00

Outstanding claims for widening street prior to January 1st 1863, have been adjusted and paid as follows, viz:

Congress Street	\$ 1800.00
Federal "	5221.00
Sudbury "	2537.00
Union "	34170.00
Lindall "	21,710.55
Gold " (opening of)	894.32
Dorchester "	1350.00
	<u>68,614.37</u>

It thus appears that the Committee have settled claims occasioned by street widenings and extensions during the present Municipal year to the amount of \$ 10,388.55

And for widenings & extensions made previous to Jan: 1st 1863 to 68,614.37
There remains of the appropriations of the present fiscal year for widening street and unliquidated claims including dig & drain and unpaid the following amounts: for laying out and widening Streets.

for Unliquidated claims 6,905.65

Total available for the balance of the fiscal year \$ 14,161.15

The City Engineer reports that, the survey of streets at East Boston has not progressed quite so favorably as was anticipated at the beginning of the year. It was then estimated that the work would be entirely finished before the close of the present year, and that the entire expense would not exceed the sum of \$4000.

780 The work, however, has been prosecuted with all the vigor possible
January 1864 and at the same time, consistent with that care and accu-
racy which alone would under the work of any value to the
city when completed. There has been expended for this survey to
December 25th 1863 about \$4500 and the Engineer in charge Mr. A.
B., considers the work in that state of forwardness that it is safe
to estimate the cost of completing the plans at about \$5000. Respect-
fully submitted for the Committee, John Peice Chairman. Read, ac-
cepted and ordered to be printed.

O'Hagan

The Committee on Licenses on
petition of Peter O'Hagan for appointment as an Auctioneer report-
ed that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Read and accepted.

Loring

On petition of Charles G. Loring &
others that a suitable instructor be appointed for the youth con-
fined in jail the Committee on the Jail reported that since the
appointment of the new Chaplain to the Jail no further action on
the subject is required. Read and accepted.

Middlesex
Railroad

The Middlesex Railroad Compa-
ny filed with the City Clerk on the 31st of December 1863, a notice
that they had accepted on the 26th of said month the location
granted to said Company by this Board on the 11th of December
1863.

Suffolk
Railroad

On the petition of the Suffolk Rail-
road Company, respecting their tracks upon the People's Ferry tract,
the Committee on Paving reported that no action thereon is nec-
essary. Read and accepted.

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the twenty seventh day of December, 1863 public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Albany Street the cost of which was two hundred and thirty three dollars and twelve cents, one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, the remains one hundred and seventy four dollars and eighty four cents to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

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Albany
Street

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the ninth day of November, 1863, public notice thereof having first been given, a Common Sewer has been constructed in Allen Street, the cost of which was fifteen hundred and five dollars and forty cents one quarter part whereof being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains eleven hundred and twenty nine dollars and five cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore Ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged & assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Allen

Street

January 1864
India

That

Whereas pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the thirtieth day of November 1863, public notice thereof having first been given, a common sewer has been constructed in India Street, the cost of which was six hundred & eighty two dollars and twenty seven cents on half paid when being deducted, to be paid by the said City, there remains three hundred and forty one dollars and thirteen cents, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: It is therefore ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed, with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportion at part of the expense of the said Sewer, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Richmond
Street

Whereas, pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the sixth day of July last a nuisance has been abated in Richmond Street, the cost of which was seven hundred & thirty two dollars, to be charged to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: it is therefore ordered, that the persons named in the schedule hereunto annexed, being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and assessed with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their proportional part of the expense of the abatement of said nuisance, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees.

Washington
Street

Whereas pursuant to an order of this Board, passed on the seventh day of September last a nuisance has been abated on Washington near Springfield Street, the cost of which was two hundred and twenty four ¹²/₁₀₀ dollars, to be charged

ed to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: it is therefore 791

Ordered, That the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed, January 1. 1864.
being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and
assessed with the sums therein set to their respective names, as
their proportional part of the expense of the abatement of said nuis-
ance, and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof
given to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

Whereas pursuant to an order Hamilton
of this Board, passed on the twenty fourth day of August last a nuis-
ance has been abated between Hamilton Place and Kinder Street the
cost of which was two hundred and twenty four ²⁵/₁₀₀ dollars, to be charg-
ed to persons benefitted by the same, according to law: it is therefore
Ordered, That the persons named in the Schedule hereunto annexed,
being benefitted as aforesaid, be and they hereby are charged and
assessed with the sums therein set to their respective names, as their
proportional part of the expense of the abatement of said nuisance,
and the same is ordered to be certified and notice thereof given
to the parties aforesaid, their tenants or lessees

The Superintendent of Harrison
Streets having reported to the Board an assessment of \$15.95 upon
Joseph A. Huntres for construction of a sidewalk in Harrison Avenue
which said Huntres had neglected to construct, it was ordered that
said assessment be collected according to law.

In accordance to the report of the Com Ward
mittee on Licenses leave was granted to James Ward to exhibit cos-
mographic views &c. at 60 Ludbury Street.

On motion of Alderman Tyler the
 January 1, 1864 Board took from the table the report of the Board of Land from
 New England missioners on petition of the New England Female Medical College
 Female Medical and the question being on the passage of said report it was referred
 College to the next City Council. Sent down for concurrence, January 2. Came
 up concurred.

Second hand
 articles

Leave was granted to Herman Kohn
 to deal in Second Hand articles at 297 1/2 Salem Street.

Back Bay
 Lands

At the written request of the Chair-
 man of the Board who was detained at home by serious illness.
 Alderman Spinney moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby at
 the last meeting of this Board the votes were passed in relation to
 the drainage of the Back Bay Lands and the question being
 taken on this motion to reconsider, it was decided in the nega-
 tive. So said order was sent down for concurrence. See page 776

Unfinished
 business
 Joint

Ordered: That all matters of an un-
 finished nature in the hands of the several Joint Standing Commit-
 tees be referred to the next City Council. Sent down for concurrence
 January 2. Came up concurred. Approved by the Mayor January 2
 1864.

Unfinished
 business

Ordered: That all matters of an un-
 finished nature in the hands of the several Standing Committees
 of this Board be referred to the next Board of Aldermen.

Mayor
 thanks to

The business of the Board having
 been accomplished Alderman Pierce submitted to the Board the
 following resolve. Resolved, that the members of this Board un-

der to His Honor the Mayor their thanks for the able manner in which he has conducted their business when he has presided over their deliberations. He has united dignified official courtesy with personal kindness, and will carry with him into public or private life, their esteem and regard. The passage of the foregoing resolution having been introduced in appropriate terms by Aldermen Tyler and Spinney, it was unanimously adopted, and in answer thereto His Honor the Mayor made an appropriate reply.

Alderman Verree with some complimentary remarks submitted to the Board the following resolution - Resolved: That the thanks of this Board be tendered to the Chairman Thomas C. Ingersoll Esq for the courtesy and impartiality which have marked the discharge of his duties as presiding officer. With conscientious devotion and unflinching activity he has, during a long term of service labored for the public interests and will leave behind a monument of his industry and faithfulness in the many documents upon important subjects which he has originated, while his personal qualities have so endeared him to his associates that they part from him with the deepest regret. The question being on the passage of said resolve it was unanimously adopted - and in reply thereto the Chairman transmitted to the Mayor some appropriate remarks which were read to the Board by the City Clerk.

Chairman
Thanks to

At their conclusion, on motion of Alderman Spinney it was Ordered, that the addresses of His Honor the Mayor and of the Chairman of this Board together with the closing proceedings be printed.

Proceedings
to print

On motion of Alderman

Adjournment

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Whereby the Board then adjourned sine die.

Witness

Wm. G. McCreary City Clerk

I the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing is a true
Record of proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the year 1863,
pages 1. to 794, inclusive

Wm. G. McCreary City Clerk

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